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## Miss Christmas delivers 10,000 gifts for needy

By Samantha McGregor

FOR the rest of us Christmas has been packed away for another year, but for one Oxfordshire teenager the festive season never stops.

This year Didcot's Courtney Hughes, who heads up Secret Santa Oxfordshire, collected about 10,000 gifts which she has distributed to sick and vulnerable people across the county.

In the lead up to Christmas, Courtney and her network of supporters wrapped and delivered thousands of gifts to people including youngsters at Helen & Douglas House Hospice and patients at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

On Christmas Day she delivered presents to patients in Didcot Community Hospital.

She's still not finished with her festive deliveries, with the final presents to be handed out over the next fortnight.

Courtney, a nursing assistant at Didcot Hospital, said: "The support this year was amazing.

"What has really been emotional are the amount of people who have contacted direct, many not from Oxfordshire who have heard about the charity and offering their support.

"We also had donations sent from the USA, Wales and some still on their way from Belgium and Germany.

"There have also been community groups involved as well, who have signed up for the 2018 appeal. I really am so grateful for each and every donation I have received."

Teaching agency Class Act Teaching, donated 1,000 items to Courtney's charity.

Branch manager Clare Adams-Yewer said: "The work Courtney does supports the neediest in our society and hats off to her for her hard work and commitment over the past five years."

Courtney set up the charity in memory of her "best friend" and great grandmother Elsie Richardson, who died in 2013.

The pair had always organised the family Christmas, but when Mrs Richardson was taken ill and

spent the festive period in hospital, Courtney took Christmas to her.

It was then she noticed how isolated other people were, and decided to do something about it.

One of this year's special moments for Courtney was delivering gifts to residents of Hanover Court where her great grandmother lived.

Courtney said: "We consider them as family and to be able to visit each year, host the party and hand out the gifts is really important to me.

"I also gave a gift to every child at the Balsam Family Project Christmas Party that was pretty special.

"Plus meeting a set of triplets and their lovely parents at the neonatal intensive care baby unit at the JR."

The charity still has a stock of items that will be handed out to homeless people throughout the year.

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*Class Act Teaching manager Clare Adams-Yewer*



Christmas is not over yet for Secret Santa Courtney Hughes with just a small number of the presents she handles

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# Tragic mum fulfils her dying wish for her sons

## Brave Sam loses fight just days before Christmas

By Samantha McGregor

A MUM-of-two, who led an appeal to raise cash to help look after her sons after being given months to live, died just four days before Christmas.

Single mum Sam Kyme, 34, was diagnosed with aggressive Motor Neurone Disease in April and passed away "peacefully with her family around her" on December 21.

Her final wish had been to raise enough money to pay for her sons Joey and Harry to move to Australia to live with her sister Pippa.

The initial target was £15,000 but Sam touched the hearts of the county and within a week people had donated £36,518. To date the appeal has raised £52,944 to secure the boys' future.

On the JustGiving page, friend Susanna Howard, who helped run the appeal, said: "It is with huge sadness that we have to tell you our beautiful Sam passed away this morning.

"She went peacefully with her family around her.

"The family are deeply saddened but also relieved that she is no longer suffering.

"Thank you to everyone for the incredible generosity and support during these difficult and devastating months.

"We know that Sam would like



Sam Kyme with her sister Pippa and brother-in-law Matt when they left for Australia last year - Sam's sons will now live with them

everyone to celebrate her life by raising a glass to her and her family at this festive time.

"Sam will always be dancing in the sky with a drink in her hand. We love you Sam."

Dozens of people paid tribute to Sam, who lived in Banbury, on social networking site Facebook, including Sandra Findlay Wilson, who wrote: "So sorry to hear your news, thoughts and prayers for her wonderfully supportive

family and friends. Rest in peace now precious lady. X"

And Natalie Anne said: "So sad. I have no words. Such a loving girl. She always made me laugh. You will be deeply missed beautiful. Xxxx"

In her JustGiving appeal, Sam said her greatest fear was not dying, but the "welfare of her boys".

She wanted them to move to Australia with her sister Pippa "to start a new happy life with her family".

### InBrief

#### Alarm advice after man escaped fire

A MAN had to be cared for by neighbours after escaping a fire in his home.

Firefighters were called at 7.30pm on Friday, December 29, to a blaze at a property in Binsey Lane, Oxford.

Incident Commander Justin Kamphuis said the property did not have working smoke alarms and the situation could have been "much worse".

The resident "appears" to have been asleep when the fire started, and the Fire Service believe the cause was accidental.

Mr Kamphuis said: "This incident could have been much worse, the resident appears to have been asleep when the fire started and luckily managed to get out of his property just in time.

"If the property had been equipped with working smoke alarms the gentleman would have been able to escape much more swiftly and safely."

#### New trains and new fares for commuters

NEW trains are operating between Oxfordshire and London following electrification works last year.

Great Western Railway's electric Electrostar trains, which are longer than diesel trains and have more seats, have begun operating from Didcot Parkway for the first time.

It comes as commuters launched protests over the average increase in rail ticket prices of 3.4 per cent across the UK.

## Former council boss honoured

A FORMER council boss has been made an MBE in the Queen's New Year's honours list.

Sue Smith, the former joint chief executive of South Northamptonshire and Cherwell District Councils, was recognised for her services to local government.

Mrs Smith's career in local government began as a recreation assistant at Anglesey Borough Council in 1979.

She moved up the ranks across four other councils before leaving her post as chief executive of Harborough District Council in 2011 to become the first joint chief executive of Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire councils.

Mrs Smith oversaw the biggest transformation of local government in Cherwell and South Northamptonshire since the 1970s.

She was central to the expansion of the shared services model which cut out duplication between the two councils and saved millions of pounds each year.

In Cherwell Mrs Smith presided over the growth of Bicester as an Eco Town and saw it awarded Healthy New Town Status in 2016.

She was also instrumental in the evolution of the Graven Hill development in Bicester, the



Sue Smith has been made an MBE, while Hugh Laurie is a CBE

UK's largest self and custom build development, of which she continues to be chairman.

Yvonne Rees, the current chief executive for both councils, said Mrs Smith's "vision" had left a "lasting legacy" for the council to build on.

Mrs Smith is joined on the honours list by Oxford-born actor Hugh Laurie who becomes a CBE.

The 58-year-old actor, director, comedian and singer, already an MBE, was recognised for his services to drama.

Mr Laurie was educated at Dragon School in north Oxford and is best known for his partnership with Stephen Fry, as Prince George in Blackadder



and latterly for his multi-award winning role in US medical drama House.

Other Oxfordshire residents who received awards included Professor Bernard Silverman, Home Office chief scientific adviser, who was given a knighthood for public service to science.

Timothy Rossington, finance director for the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, became a CBE for his public service.

Professor of Economic History at the University of Oxford Katherine Humphries was given a CBE for services to social science and economic history.

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# Honoured for saving man's life

By Owen Hughes

TWO officers from RAF Benson have been rewarded for their bravery with military awards.

Corporal Vicki Keats and duty driver Lance Corporal Lindsay Clarke received a nomination at The Sun Military Awards in the Hero at Home category for pulling an unconscious man from a burning car.

After returning from an exercise in Norway, the Team Benson members were flagged down by a pedestrian while travelling back to the base from Gatwick Airport.

LCpl Clarke said: "I finally got the door open, jumped over the top of the guy to get underneath him and got his seat belt off. I managed to get him on to my shoulder and boost him up towards the top of the car and Vicki had got hold of his arm and was pulling him up."

"I then had to get around him and climb on top of the car so we could

work together and pull him up out of the car."

Cpl Keats said: "I'd like to think that anyone would do what we did. We were just lucky we were there on time to help."

Cpl Keats and LCpl Clarke have since received a commendation from RAF Benson Group Captain Hamish Cormack for their "determination to save a man's life despite the risk to their own [which] epitomises the ethos of the armed forces".

RAF Benson personnel also received prestigious honours for their bravery in providing relief aid to the Caribbean after hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the area last summer.

The Millies recognised the outstanding achievements and bravery from the crew involved in Operation RUMAN, who were presented with a Special Recognition Award at the ceremony on December 13.



Corporal Vicki Keats, left, and Lance Corporal Lindsay Clarke from RAF Benson were nominated for a Hero at Home award at The Sun Military Awards

## InBrief

### Officers and taxi driver hurt in crash

TWO police officers and a taxi driver were taken to hospital with serious injuries following a crash near Wallingford.

It is believed the incident on Tuesday at around 11.40am, happened as the police car was responding to an emergency.

The car crashed into the taxi and then a second vehicle on the A4130, Crowmarsh Hill.

An independent investigation into the incident has now been launched by the IPCC following a mandatory referral.

It has been reported South Central Ambulance Service sent a total of six vehicles to the scene, including three ambulances, a paramedic team leader in a rapid response vehicle and two Thames Valley Air ambulance emergency response vehicles.

A driver from the third vehicle involved was treated and discharged at the scene for minor injuries.

### School lead theft

A CCTV image has been released by police after lead was stolen from the roof of a Didcot primary school.



The theft took place at about 5am on Saturday, December, 16 from All Saints School in Tamar Way.

Officers said they would like to speak to the man, pictured, as he may have 'vital' information. Contact police on 101, quoting 43170346206.



The Mayor of Wantage, Cllr Steve Trinder, and Wantage Chamber President, John Naish, present the award certificates to Creations Carrie Williams and Simon Wood

## Creating successful businesses

WANTAGE businesses are celebrating after winning local awards.

Re-loved furniture, interiors and curiosities shop Creations, won the exceptional customer service in the shop category, while long-established local jewellers Peter Casey won the mayor's best kept shop front award.

Other winners included The Bear, which won the People's Choice Restaurant for the fourth consecutive year and The Swan which was named People's Choice Pub.

The Exceptional Customer Service award in the non-retail category went to plumbing and heating specialists,

PlumbedWright. The annual business awards are run by Wantage Town Team and supported by Wantage & District Chamber of Commerce and were held to mark Small Business Saturday.

Simon Wood of Creations, in Market Place, said: "As an independent business, Carrie and I at Creations simply love what we do, and we strive to offer a service that goes above and beyond the norm."

"So, to win an award for 'exceptional customer service', voted by our customers, is just such a great feeling. We're so proud and humbled to receive it."

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## Appeal for help after June attack



Images of the two men police would like to get in contact with

CCTV images have been released of two men police believe may have information that will help an investigation six months on.

On June 18, an 18-year-old man was attacked at Magoos Bar in Hart Street, Henley in an unprovoked attack.

He had been out with friends when he was assaulted and the assailant struck his head down onto a table.

Thames Valley Police said the victim sustained deep cuts to his face and was treated in hospital.

Investigating officer, PC Emma Bailey said: "This was an unprovoked attack which caused significant injuries to the victim who needed stitches to his right cheek.

"I would like to speak to the two men in these CCTV images as I believe they may have witnessed the attack or have vital information about the offence.

"If you are either of the men or know who they are please contact me immediately by calling 101 and quoting reference 43170177490."

## Popular pair in the frame at opening

A POPULAR retired Didcot couple were presented with flowers and gift vouchers after launching a new town centre opticians.

David and Elizabeth Marshall, aged 93 and 87, were the "obvious choice" to officially open the new Scrivens Opticians & Hearing Care on The Broadway according to branch manager Lisa Morgan.

She said: "They are a lovely couple and do almost everything together.

"They were an obvious choice to launch our new premises."

David, a retired county council highways supervisor, said: "It was a shock to be asked to be honest, but we both enjoyed it.

"We get on well with the staff. They take an interest in you and treat you as a person."

The couple, who have four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, are popular with the staff at their local opticians where they were given flowers and vouchers as a thank you for launching the branch.

A range of customer discounts was also offered as part of the celebrations.

Scrivens relocated from its



premises further along the road to gain a bigger shop floor and provide testing rooms that are more accessible to wheelchair users.

Elizabeth and David Marshall opened the new branch of Scrivens and were given vouchers from the store by Andrew Bishop, Jo Andrews and Lisa Morgan

## Keep warm and well this winter – advice on offer

PEOPLE in south Oxfordshire concerned about keeping warm and managing their energy bills are encouraged to contact an advice service for help.

The Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) service, funded by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils alongside the county's other district councils and the county council, helps people who are vulnerable to the effects of living in cold homes during winter.

The service offers free, impartial advice on staying warm and managing energy bills.

Residents can find out if they qualify for a grant to install energy saving improvements to their homes or a free home energy visit to look at ways to save energy to bring their bills down.

The service, run by the Affordable Warmth Network, offers direct referrals to a growing network of support organisations, including the fire service, falls prevention service and befriending and advice services.

SODC leader Cllr John Cotton said increasing energy costs have made it "a worrying time" for some people.

If you or someone you know is struggling to keep warm and well this winter call BHBH on 0800 107 0044 or visit the [www.bhbh.org.uk](http://www.bhbh.org.uk).

# Indoor arena 'would impact on landscape'

## Applicants say structure would be elegant

By George Welch

A FARM that wants to build an indoor riding arena to train its event horses has defended its plans after being criticised by a conservation body.

Owners of Rocky Lane Farm, in Rotherfield Greys, west of Henley, want to build a barn to cover and enclose part of an existing riding arena.

But Henley-based Open Spaces Society has objected to the planning application, describing the proposed development as "a massive, ugly, steel barn which would be visible from many public paths".

The society argues that the building would be seen from the public footpath that runs alongside the site, towering over the fence and hedge.

The society's general secretary, Kate Ashbrook, said: "This structure, which would look like a warehouse on an industrial estate, would be visible not only from the adjacent footpath but from other nearby footpaths and bridleways.

"It would spoil people's enjoyment of these attractive routes and have a severe impact

on the natural beauty of landscape. "A development of this size and scale is inappropriate in this sensitive location in the Chilterns AONB."

But Amanda Gould, who submitted the application in November and has been working with neighbours over the structure's scale and design, said she was taken by surprise by the complaints.

*"I am also for the preservation of open spaces and for maintaining natural beauty"*

*Applicant Amanda Gould*

She said there has been "some confusion" over the structure, saying: "It is not going to look like a 'warehouse' at all. It will be an open sided, wood clad and elegant structure with the highest point being just over six metres high [not seven metres, as originally claimed by Open Spaces].

"I have not been contacted by this Open Spaces group directly which surprises me. I am more

than happy to explain to them what we are proposing.

"They seem to be rather misinformed. It would be in an area tucked behind high hedges so would not be so visible or obtrusive."

Mrs Gould added: "We are just trying to create a dry protected area where we can ride and train our event horses year round.

"I am also for the preservation of open spaces and for maintaining natural beauty.

"This cover would be over our existing arena in an area of our stable yard that I do not believe would have a large negative impact."

The Henley and Goring Ramblers have also objected to plans, which they deem are "too big and in the wrong place".

Rocky Lane Farm, which has bred horses since 2007, had an application for two stables on-site approved last summer.

The consultation on the application ended just before Christmas but more information can be found at [tinyurl.com/y7y7b8kh](http://tinyurl.com/y7y7b8kh).

South Oxfordshire District Council has set a target decision date for January 24.

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### News

## Aldi sets sights on store at retail park

MARKS & Spencer's loss is Abingdon's gain as German supermarket giant Aldi has agreed a deal for a store at the town's busy retail park.

The supermarket chain wants to open in the Fairacres Retail Park on Marcham Road providing competition for the Tesco Extra opposite.

Abingdon councillor Mike Badcock said the store would "provide a different range of goods" from the nearby Tesco and "will complement the shops" that are on the retail park.

He said: "It will be thoroughly

welcomed by everyone in Abingdon.

"People will flock down there and it will be a very useful addition to the suite of shops that are already here."

Mays Properties Ltd had initially secured planning permission for a Marks & Spencer Foodhall but recently found the deal to be no longer commercially viable. An M&S Simply Food is due to open at Didcot's Orchard Centre in the next few months.

They will now seek planning permission from Vale of White

Horse District Council to open the slightly larger Aldi after agreeing the deal with the supermarket.

The lot at Fairacres has been empty since Beales, a century-old department store, ceased trading at the location a year ago due to high rents.

Aldi launched a new store in Cowley in early 2017, almost two years after the store in neighbouring Didcot opened its doors.

A Waitrose to the north of the town also serves Abingdon in addition to the Tesco hypermarket next to the Marcham interchange.

## History professor 'a sad loss for Oxford'

By George Welch

A LEADING Oxford University history professor was killed in a motorway pile-up near Banbury two days before Christmas has been remembered as "a warm and loyal friend" with a passion for teaching.

Mark Whittow, a medieval historian and archaeologist, died with a 29-year-old man from Warwickshire in the collision involving up to five cars on the M40 just before midnight on December 23.

The 60-year-old was appointed the next Provost, or head, of Oriel College in November – a role he was due to take on from the next academic year.

The college's flag was flown at half-mast following his death as colleagues and academics paid tribute to the Byzantine studies professor.

Prof Martin Conway, the chairman of Oxford's history faculty, said: "The entire Oxford community has been left deeply saddened by Mark's tragic death. "Mark was an enormous



Professor Mark Whittow died in a collision on the M40 on December 23

influence on history in Oxford, where his energy and commitment to teaching, research and to the sense of an intellectual community was irrepressible.

"Above all, generations of students, researchers and colleagues knew him as a warm and loyal friend who enriched

all our lives. We will miss him enormously."

A man was also taken to hospital with serious leg injuries and three others were treated for minor injuries following the fatal collision between junction 10, Cherwell Valley Services, and junction 11.

Dr Whittow was also a fellow of Corpus Christi College and a senior proctor of Oxford University in 2016-17.

A tribute posted by the Bodleian History Faculty Library said: "Desperately sad news of the untimely passing of warm, witty, humane scholar Mark Whittow. The place will be that much sadder and poorer for his loss."

Peter Frankopan, a professor of global history at Oxford, tweeted: "Heart-breaking news about my best, loveliest & most brilliant friend & colleague who has died over Christmas."

He added: "Oxford could not be sadder or poorer. #MarkWhittow was the best. Simple as that."

Contact police on 101 with any information on the crash.

## 'Disgusting' sign removed after legal action threat

THE owner of a fishery near Bicester has removed a "disgusting" sign which banned Polish and Eastern Bloc fishermen.

Billy Evans, who owns Field Farm Fisheries, removed the sign after his family received threats.

It had been in place since 2009 after Mr Evans said he caught people stealing fish.

But after Rado Papiewski, a Polish national, was refused entry to the site in April, he set about forcing a change.

He initially reported it to police but was told it was a civil matter and was advised to bring a private prosecution for breach of the Equality Act.

Last month he set up a Crowd Justice campaign to raise £10,000 to cover the cost of legal action. So far, Mr Papiewski has raised £10,740.



The sign at Field Farm Fisheries

He said: "I was shocked when I visited this fishery in April and was told by the owner that he won't let me fish as I am from Poland, because all Polish and Eastern European anglers are here to steal from him."

"The fishery owner felt very strongly about this behaviour and hence this disgusting sign."

"I felt very strong about the fact

that I am being treated in this way – only because I was born in Poland."

Mr Papiewski runs the Building Bridges project, which aims to integrate fishing communities from continental Europe with local anglers in England.

No-one from Field Farm Fisheries was available for comment.



# Store gives the gift of a white Christmas after globe found

By George Welch

EVERY year people across the country wish in vain to wake up on Christmas Day to a blanket of snow – but for one Berinsfield family this magical festive experience came true.

Grandmother Anne Chewings was the envy of her neighbours after having her home transformed into a winter wonderland for free having found a snow globe hidden in TK Maxx's Templars Retail Park store in Oxford.

After finding the ornament while shopping with her daughters, Anne, along with her eight grandchildren and other members of the family, received an extra-special visit from a team of 'snow experts', as per the retailer's Christmas TV advert.

The team transformed her home with equipment usually used in the film industry to install eight cubic metres of real snow, perfect for snowball fights, snowmen and a suitably jolly Christmas experience.

Anne, who stumbled upon the exclusive snow globe two weeks before Christmas, said: "I was just over the moon when I found the globe because I'd seen the advert and I wanted it



for the grandchildren, and I actually came out with it for the grandchildren.

"This white Christmas experience means everything, it's a memory for the family, especially for the grandchildren to look back on and say 'nan did that for us'."

Deborah Dolce, brand and

Anne Chewings with her family at the home in Berinsfield which was transformed into a winter wonderland after the grandmother found the snow globe at TK Maxx's Templars store in Oxford

marketing director at TK Maxx, said: "We wanted to create a real, magical experience for our shoppers this year, something that would be great fun and let everyone across the country join in: a snowy version of a golden ticket. We know lots of people dream of a white Christmas and it's a special way to bring friends and family together."

TK Maxx's Christmas advert launched on November 10 and was voiced by Love Actually star Bill Nighy.

"...it's a memory for the family, especially the grandchildren to look back on"

Anne Chewings



## InBrief

### Man killed in crash

AN 85-year-old man died following a crash between a car and two lorries.

Police are looking for witnesses following the fatal collision on the A420 near Faringdon on December 21 just before 7am.

As a result of the collision, the driver of the car, an elderly man from Wantage, sustained fatal injuries and died at the scene. Call 101 if you can help.

### Teeth lost in attack

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man lost teeth in an attack in Oxford.

The incident happened in Bulwarks Lane about 3.25am on Saturday, December 23.

The two male victims, both in their 20s, were approached by three Asian men and, after an "exchange of words between the two groups", were attacked.

One of the victims was treated at the John Radcliffe after he lost a number of teeth and had swelling and bruising to his head. The other man was punched to the head and suffered minor injuries.

The three men were said to be in their 20s and wearing dark clothing.

Police particularly want to speak to people who may have spoken to the victims while they sat in Bonn Square afterwards and anyone coming out of nightclubs as they closed.

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# Two arrested as part of W Midlands terror raid

By Owen Hughes

TWO people from Banbury have been arrested on suspicion of being members of a banned Neo-Nazi group.

A 21-year-old man and a 37-year-old woman from Banbury were among six people arrested by West Midlands Police yesterday in connection with terrorism offences.

The group are being held under section 41 of the Terrorism Act on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism.

Namely the suspects have been

detained on suspicion of being members of the proscribed far-right organisation National Action.

Five men in their 20s are being held at a police station in the West Midlands, while the only woman arrested is being held at a station outside of the force's area.

The West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit worked with a team of units from the north west, south east and east of England in the operation.

The arrests were pre-planned and intelligence-led but "there was no threat to the public's safety" according to a police statement.

A number of properties are also being searched in connection with the arrests.

National Action became the first extreme right-wing group to be banned in the UK in December 2016 after Home Secretary Amber Rudd said it was promoting violence and acts of terrorism.

In addition to the two north Oxfordshire residents arrested, West Midlands Police also arrested a 26-year-old from Cambridge, a 28-year-old from Wolverhampton, a 26-year-old from Leicester and a 24-year-old from Stockport.



The new takeaway at Great Western Park in Didcot is the 13th Churchill's

## Chippy fishing for customers

A NEW family-owned fish and chip shop will hope 13 is its lucky number after opening in the heart of an estate last month.

Churchill's Fish and Chips is the 13th to open for the national award-winning chain of restaurants owned by a family-run business that dates back to the early 1920s.

Hugh and son James Lipscombe own and operate 41 shops in total across the south serving more than three million meals a year at its fishchicken, Bankers and Churchill's restaurants.

Customers can avoid queues at the new outlet at Didcot's Great Western Park by using an app or the company's website to pre-order during busy times and collect in-store.

James Lipscombe, managing

director at The Chesterford Group, said: "We are so excited to be opening in Great Western Park and being an integral part of such a vibrant, growing community."

"Our family has been cooking fish and chips since 1923, and we are as passionate as ever about giving our customers the best possible experience."

"We always strive to evolve and innovate in response to the growing and changing needs of our customers, and we look forward to welcoming local residents to experience Churchill's award-winning fish and chips for themselves."

Churchill's hopes to be able to offer a fully Coeliac Society accredited gluten-free menu on certain days of the week later this year.

## Superfast broadband bonus for businesses

MORE than 95 per cent of Oxfordshire residents and businesses can look forward to a fibre-filled new year according to recent figures.

Superfast broadband coverage is now available across the vast majority of the county with more than half of those reached by the rollout already opting for an upgrade according to the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire (BBfO) partnership.

Oxfordshire County Council and BT Group, who spearhead the BBfO partnership, have confirmed

more than 73,000 households and businesses have signed up for superfast broadband speeds.

Councillor David Bartholomew, cabinet member for finance at Oxfordshire County Council, said reaching the milestone ahead of the government's end-of-year deadline was a "terrific achievement".

He added: "[It] shows our commitment to make this important service available to as many parts of Oxfordshire as possible. We're using a combination of technologies

and co-funding solutions to ensure residents and businesses in even the smallest, most remote parts of our county have access to fast broadband."

Cookley Green, Pyrton, Bascote, Baulking and Waterperry were the latest communities to benefit from the upgrade work being carried out by engineers from Openreach.

The remaining 8,500 Oxfordshire premises without superfast broadband can check betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk to see if they are due for an upgrade this year.

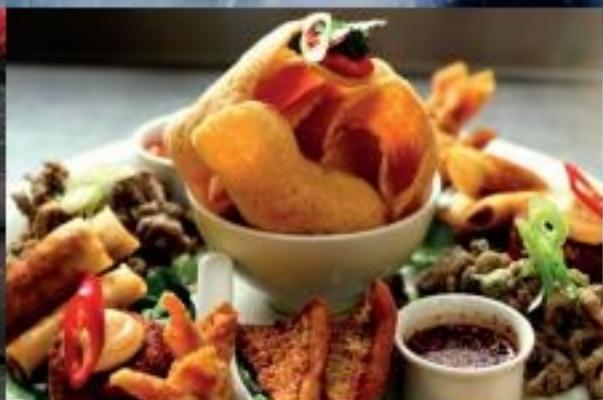
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# Peter Andre gets a 'flava' of slimmers' joy at weight loss

By George Welch

A GROUP of Slimming World consultants from Oxfordshire was congratulated on helping slimmers to lose weight and change their lives by singer and TV presenter Peter Andre.

An 11-strong Oxford team had chance to cuddle up to Peter when he presented the annual Slimming World Awards in Birmingham at the end of last year.

Louise Preece, who runs sessions at United Church in Faringdon on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings and evenings, said the consultants "couldn't be prouder of our members".

She said: "Throughout 2017 they have lost fantastic amounts of weight, with many of them hitting their target weights, improving their health and boosting their confidence."

"It's so rewarding to see people being able to do things that they didn't think were possible before losing weight, whether that's having more energy, feeling happier, wearing smaller clothes, taking up new hobbies, reducing medication or doing more with their family and friends."

"Every week we feel extremely



Back from left, Louise Preece, Kevin Bennett, Claire Pursey, Peter Andre, Laura Dix, Nicki Brooks, Michele Dennison. Front from left, Nancy Clayson, Kerry Callaghan, Bev Lapworth, Nicola Ireland, Carol Walden. Picture: Slimming World

lucky to play even a small part in people's achievements and we felt very honoured to represent our Slimming World groups at the awards. Cuddling up to Peter was a real treat," she added.

Mysterious Girl singer Mr Andre co-hosted the awards at the International Convention Centre with the organisation's founder and chair

Margaret Miles-Bramwell.

The Aussie said: "I met so many incredible people who had lost amazing amounts of weight and transformed themselves - inside and out."

"While each of them were inspirational in their own special way, the one thing they all had in common was how much they felt they owed to their 'Slimming World family' in

helping them to do things they always dreamed of and become the people they've always wanted to be."

It has been reported that the pop heart-throb earned £30,000 for the 45-minute booking. According to the Mirror, he is believed to have requested 401 items including a jar of chopped ginger, a supply of booze and black hand towels.

## InBrief

### Puppy trading rises

THE RSPCA received 40 calls last year from worried Oxfordshire residents concerned about illegal puppy trading in the county.

The animal charity released the figures as it came out in support of the government's crackdown on illegal breeders and smugglers.

The RSPCA also revealed 2017 was its busiest year yet tackling the prohibited trade.

### Sport champions

THE ninth annual Chipping Norton Sports Awards is on February 9.

Nominations for awards, including sportsperson of the year, team and club award for both adults and juniors have opened.

There are also awards for the Olympic Legacy gold, silver and bronze awards, which was set up by Chipping Norton Town Council.

Nominations close January 12, forms available from the town council's offices in The Guildhall or email [cntc@btconnect.com](mailto:cntc@btconnect.com).

### Diagnostic centre

A NEW diagnostic centre in Bicester to support GPs has been given the green light by councillors.

Company InHealth want to create the two-storey centre in Pioneer Square to offer diagnostic services and outpatient treatment, as well as a pharmaceutical retail area on the ground floor.

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# Police inquiry over student death

By Owen Hughes

AN investigation has been launched into the death of a law student who died after being "restrained" while in police custody.

Nuno Cardoso, 25, collapsed in the back of a police van following his arrest on November 24.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is investigating the conduct of four Thames Valley Police officers who have been served with a misconduct notice.

The police watchdog is deciding whether the decision to transport Mr Cardoso to custody rather than seek immediate medical assistance was appropriate.

The Ruskin College student, originally from London, became "seriously unwell and died" after he was "restrained" during the course of his arrest by officers according to

the police watchdog.

He was arrested on suspicion of assault following a call to the police in the early hours of the morning.

At around 5.30am, Mr Cardoso was being taken to Abingdon police station in the back of a police van when officers reported that he had become unwell.

Officers stopped the van at Redbridge Park & Ride and administered CPR to Mr Cardoso after he had passed out.

Additional officers arrived at the scene with a defibrillator, but he later died after being taken to the John Radcliffe.

Guido Liguori, IPCC Associate Commissioner, said: "My thoughts are with the family and friends of Mr Cardoso and all those affected by his death."

"The investigation, which is in its very early stages, will look at the

full circumstances surrounding this incident."

Investigators from the IPCC have looked at initial accounts provided by officers from the scene and will analyse footage from body-worn cameras at the time of the arrest.

Principal Paul Dei Felice of Ruskin College in Headington paid tribute to the Oxford University student last month, telling this newspaper that Mr Cardoso was a "valued student of the college" and will be "missed by all who knew him".

A 'Justice for Nuno' Go Fund Me page describes Mr Cardoso as a "high spirited, caring and good natured young man" who had "strong principles and believed in justice and equality", and has so far raised almost £2,700.

The police watchdog has met with Mr Cardoso's family and will provide regular updates to them and



the judicial coroner throughout the investigation.

A post-mortem examination carried out on December 5 proved inconclusive and further tests will be carried out.

Mr Liguori added: "Anyone who witnessed the events surrounding Mr Cardoso's arrest or the medical treatment he received should contact the IPCC on 0800 029 4690."

## InBrief

### Castle prices cut

OXFORDSHIRE history buffs can take a tour of a 1,000-year-old Norman castle for discounted rates this month.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is offering discounted entry – as long as your postcode begins with OX.

Adult ticket prices are down from £10.95 to £6 and child tickets have been reduced from £7.75 to £4.

A family ticket for two adults and two children at the medieval west Oxford castle, usually £35, will be £18.

Entry for students and seniors will go down from £9.25 to £5.

To claim the discount, residents must present a valid proof of address (driving licence or a utility bill) at the Castle's ticket desk.

### Beware fake scheme

PEOPLE are being warned to watch out for cold calls or online contact from fraudsters who offer victims the opportunity to apply for Government grants for an advance fee.

Action Fraud said to make the grants look legitimate fraudsters have set up bogus companies and convincing looking websites that claim to be operating on behalf of the UK Government.

Once people have completed forms they are instructed to get a pre-paid credit card as a deposit to the fake scheme and then they steal the money.

Anyone who has concerns should contact their bank. For more information go to [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

## £24m project to upgrade electric capacity under way

A £24m project to future-proof Bicester and surrounding villages is under way.

It comes as up to 10,000 homes and new business units are built in the town, which will take the current network to capacity.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) said it had completed the groundworks – known

as ducting – and the next phase will involve giant rolls of cabling being fed through and jointed.

Over the winter months 20km of cabling will be laid between Bicester and East Claydon.

The work is part of an SSEN eight-year business plan, up to 2023, to improve the "resilience of the infrastructure" that supplies

areas including Arncott, Bicester, Cottisford, Headington, Upper Heyford, Witney and Yarnton.

Project manager James Rooney said: "Development in and around Bicester means the network bringing power to the area is reaching full capacity, so this project is essential to keep the lights on for local communities for many years to come."

"Part of these works includes the construction of crossing points for both the HS2 and East West railway links."

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## News

## Year of special achievements in Play2Give's history: 'they were all great'

IN a year crammed with so many fun-filled cash-raising activities it is difficult for Play2Give founder Andy Baker to pick out his highlights.

When asked for his top three moments, Andy, who still suffers greatly with his health following his brain injury, said: "Oh golly gosh I've got to pick three? Gosh that's hard as there are so many great highlights. I'm seriously going to have to think on that."

After much deliberation, the 29-year-old eventually came up with an answer.

Andy said his favourite P2G moments of 2017 were: the unveiling of the Play2Give room at the children's hospital (March), hosting a first family fun day (August) and the 10th anniversary ball (September).

After even more pondering, Andy settled on the opening of the P2G room as the most memorable moment.

The patient room was opened on Melanie's Ward, the teenage ward of the children's hospital, at a cost of £40,000 – the total raised by P2G for the children over the past decade.

At the time Andy described the



Andy Baker cuts the ribbon on the Play2Give room at the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe

unveiling as "the proudest and most special achievement in P2G's history".

He added: "It was an overwhelming moment. Quite emotional too, to think we managed to raise all this money in a decade and to have a tribute given like this by the hospital to last a lifetime."

Of the £19,500 raised last year, £7,000 has gone towards opening the county's first ever state-of-the-art voluntary sector neurological physiotherapy gym at Headway Oxfordshire's Kennington base in May.

The cash was also used towards Oxford Children's Hospital's £2million

fundraising campaign to build a parent accommodation block at the John Radcliffe Hospital site.

The group added £12,000 towards the hospital, which will also fund new play areas and specialist medical equipment.

Andy was quick to pay tribute to the countless number of people who have helped organise or join in with many of P2G's endeavours.

He said: "The continued love and support we receive from our local community from Didcot and beyond is just inspiring and always heart-warming to see."

## Play2Give marks 10 years



## A phenomenal

BIG-HEARTED Andy Baker can look back on 2017 as a job well done in a year that culminated in multiple awards and all-but doubling his 10th anniversary fundraising target for Play2Give.

The Didcot-based fundraising group raised nearly £20,000 as part of its 10th year celebrations, having smashed its initial £10,000 objective out of the water.

Led by founder Andy, the group and its supporters have enjoyed an

unforgettable year of raising much-needed cash for their two benefactors: brain injury charity Headway Oxfordshire and the Oxford Children's Hospital.

The £19,500 raised in the 12 months since P2G became our charity of the year represents the highest amount of money the group has raised in its history.

Andy was the driving force behind a record-breaking year that peaked with his personal proudest moment –

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being awarded a British Citizen Award for his non-stop fundraising.

He would also celebrate a special Outstanding Achievement Award at the ninth Didcot Business and Community Awards (BACAs) in November.

Talented footballing stars of tomorrow impressed with striking shots and fancy footwork at the customary football tournament in July, with other events such as bubble football, a Monster Race complete



From the Monster Race, above, to the youth football tournament and collecting a British Citizen Award, right – Andy Baker and Play2Give have enjoyed a hugely successful 2017, raising just under £20,000

with the bog of eternal stench as well as various walks and runs also raising cash for fantastic causes.

The bigger events of the year included the Christmas toy appeal, which donated thousands of presents to poorly children in hospital, and the 10th anniversary ball celebration in September.

Our very own production manager, Peter Herring, raised £500 for P2G by jumping out of a plane at 13,000ft in September, while reporter George Welch raised £300 by running in

October's Oxford half marathon.

Reacting to the achievements, Andy said: "It has just been a phenomenal year for us, and as a team and I as founder, we are just incredibly overjoyed, happy and proud all in one."

"Never did I imagine 10 years ago when I set up P2G as just a single event, that we would be still be going today, bigger and growing, each year."

"Our 10th year has been action-packed, busy, and never ending – nearly each month has been full of some form of event or endeavour."

Andy has no plans to slow down and the wheels are already in motion for this year's fundraising programme for causes close to his heart. Play2Give hopes to go from strength to strength in 2018 as it prepares to run the Didcot summer fayre and the return of the popular annual football tournament. But before the former St Birinus pupil charges ahead with this year's schedule, Andy reflected on a truly extraordinary 2017

THIS year has just been absolutely incredible. P2G has had such a brilliant year; it has been our busiest, biggest and most successful ever.

For a whole 10 years P2G has been all about changing, transforming and saving lives locally.

In that time, we have helped tens of thousands of people from young and old, whether its children in hospital, to those with disabilities such as brain injuries or enabling disabled children to enjoy computer games.

Each and every year since I created P2G in 2007 has been a success story – but our 10th anniversary more so than ever.

I am incredibly proud of the baby that I set up which has gone on to become an Oxfordshire institution.

And, although along the way it hasn't been easy or without its challenges, I have overcome anything to see each project or event we undertake become a success.

Our big year which saw us celebrate our milestone – a whole decade of having



supported over 10 county charities over that time – was the most exciting, most amazing and most inspiring on record – and I can't thank people enough for their support.

There were so many highlights of the big year, that to pick out a single event is a difficult one.

There has literally been so many and I would like to thank each and every person who has been involved in this resounding remarkable record chapter of P2G which will go down in our history books forever.

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# Scheme hopes to start up love for classic cars

## Heritage centre launches initiative with charity

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW charity that aims to "keep the classic car legacy alive" has opened its doors in Bicester.

StarterMotor will lend its classic cars to young people to provide practical hands-on experience in the maintenance and use of the vehicles.

Based at the former Bomber Command training base now Bicester Heritage, off Buckingham Road, it hopes to encourage a 'new generation of automotive fanatics'.

Bicester Heritage, a business centre for classic car and aviation firms, has teamed up with Activate Learning and Banbury and Bicester College's apprenticeship scheme to give students training on all things historic motoring with a direct line to employment.

Charity manager David Cox said: "StarterMotor gives students vital access into the historical car market, helping develop valuable skills and engaging with the next generation of enthusiasts."

Both the apprenticeship scheme and StarterMotor were launched in a bid to respond to a skills gap in the industry.

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs identified that half of the 28,000 employees who worked in the vehicle renovation industry in 2011 are aged 45 or older, now there are 34,900 working in the industry, with an average age of 42.

Former Chiltern Railways boss Adrian Shooter, chairman of



StarterMotor, said: "I was lucky enough to be able to persuade my father to buy me an old Morris 8 engine to tinker with when I was 11."

"That got me started on a lifetime of restoring and driving old cars, which is why I am so enthusiastic about giving young people the chance to experience the excitement for themselves."

Businesses are expected to need up to 150 apprentices a year for the next five years to protect the future

of the industry, which is said to be worth about £5.5bn a year.

Dan Geoghegan, Bicester Heritage's managing director and StarterMotor trustee, said: "The learning curve can be transformed with genuine experience, StarterMotor hands over the keys and provides the opportunity both for fun and enhanced skills."

For more information go to [startermotor.com](http://startermotor.com)

# Centenarian dies three weeks before reaching 106th birthday

ONE of Oxfordshire's oldest residents who lived through two world wars and countless other historic events has died just three weeks shy of his 106th birthday.

William Dent Robinson, who lived in Blewbury, was born on Christmas Day 1911 and was old enough to recall the celebrations at the end of The Great War.

After serving in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and taking part in the D-Day landings, William returned to teaching at Didcot's St Birinus Secondary Modern School for Boys in 1946.

William was a founding member of staff at the school when it was formed in 1936.

He joined the former co-educational Didcot Secondary School three years before Berkshire County Council segregated the boys from the girls.



Even at 105 years old, William Dent Robinson made the 270-mile trip to see family in Cumbria each summer

It was here that he met his wife Winifred Shaw before joining the RAF where he undertook wireless interception and intelligence work near the front line in Europe.

In the early 1950s William oversaw one of the country's first post-war exchange visits with a

German school in Bad Harzburg.

An active member of the National Union of Teachers and former deputy headmaster, William eventually retired in 1973.

William lived in Blewbury for more than 75 years where he kept his own meteorological records dating back over six decades.

During his lifetime William witnessed 20 different Prime Ministers, the first commercial airline flight, and was just four months old when the Titanic sank.

But as a former geography teacher who was fascinated by satellite navigation, William always said that he was most impressed by man's landing on the moon.

William died peacefully in his sleep at home on December 4 and is survived by his son Nick and daughter-in-law Linda.

# Homeless use for empty house

AN Oxford house that has been empty since the death of its owner in 1989 will be used as temporary accommodation for homeless families.

The four-bedroom house at Spencer Crescent, Rose Hill, was originally a council house until it was bought under Right to Buy in 1988, but has remained empty since the owner's death.

Oxford City Council will take ownership after it was granted a compulsory purchase order by the government.

The council intends to renovate the large house before it can be used as much-needed temporary accommodation for families who find themselves homeless.

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing, said: "Given the housing crisis

in Oxford, it's a tragedy that any suitable property remains unoccupied, and it's a crying shame that we could not bring this house back into use earlier."

The property remained in the deceased owner's name as the executors of their estate have never applied for probate.

Cllr Rowley added: "Compulsory purchase is absolutely the last resort."

"We would much prefer to come to agreements with owners and executors of estates to bring empty properties back into use."

"If you've got an empty property, you can help us to meet housing need and alleviate the Oxford housing crisis - please speak to our Empty Residential Property Officer on 01865 252280 about how we can help you."

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## Girl's gift of hearing

A ten-year-old girl who was struggling to hear has been given equipment to help.

Emma Church, from Chipping Norton, was diagnosed with moderate hearing loss after having difficulty hearing her alarm clock and watching TV programmes.

A specialist team from Oxfordshire County Council decided to donate practical equipment to help.

Following an assessment, Emma was provided with a flashing doorbell, vibrating alarm clock, and a 'Amplicomm Stethoset' for the television.

Emma is now setting her alarm clock and waking up independently, and using the stethoset to access the sound on the TV even when on mute.

Liz Church, Emma's mum, said: "When Emma first put on the Stethoset and was watching TV her exact words to me were, 'This is the best thing that I have ever had'."

## Share climate views

PEOPLE are invited to have their say as Oxfordshire MPs discuss plans for climate change and transport.

Oxfordshire Climate Action Network is holding a public meeting on January 12 at the Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, from 6.30pm to 9pm.

Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East) and Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon) will be there to discuss

plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030.

Other speakers will include Stephen Joseph from Campaign for Better Transport and a representative of the C40 global network of cities tackling climate change.

## New 'super' office

A 'SUPER' office in Botley is the new home of one of the country's leading wealth management companies who cited inadequate parking as one of the main reasons for moving out of their premises on St Aldates, Oxford.

Wealth manager Charles Stanley invested around £80,000 in refitting the super office, spanning 3,355 square foot, or the same as about 11 London Routemaster buses.

The Botley site will house 18 staff after the merger of the company's Oxford and Reading branches.

Simon Scott-White, branch manager for Charles Stanley Oxford, said: "Both our Reading and Oxford offices were restricted by their locations. Parking was inadequate, meeting room space was restricted and neither office was ideally structured for the infrastructure implementation that our business needs today."

"Our new office is located just outside of Oxford, offers great square footage, modern facilities, more meeting rooms, is easier to access and closer to many of our professional colleagues."

PC Ali Robinson and PCSO Tom Bailey with two of the bikes



## An eye-catching stance on bike thefts

A POLICE initiative to deter bicycle thieves in Bicester has been launched after a "significant" increase in offences.

Officers have placed fluorescent coloured mountain bikes at six theft hotspots around the town to warn cyclists to be vigilant and thieves that they are being watched.

The bikes, which were painted by students from the motorsport department at Banbury and Bicester College, carry the message 'We are watching you #TVP'.

Since December 2016, 150 bikes have been stolen in Bicester.

Sergeant Kerry O'Leary, of Bicester Police Station, said:

"Following an increase in bicycle thefts in the area, these brightly coloured bikes will let potential thieves know that we take this type of crime very seriously."

"We also want to advise cyclists that they can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by taking a few simple steps."

When out and about bikes should

always be locked and attached to something secure, and when at home they should be locked in a shed or garage.

Any removable items such as wheels and lights should not be left on the bike, and bicycles should be security marked.

She said: "We recommend that bicycle frames are security-marked or etched. You can also register your bike with schemes such as Immobilise which helps to return stolen bikes if they are recovered."

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## Pets are preferred to in laws over Christmas

By George Welch

ALMOST half of pet owners would rather spend Christmas Day with their four-legged friends than their in-laws, animal charity Blue Cross revealed last month.

A survey for the Burford charity found that 44 per cent of people would rather stay at home with their pet than celebrate with their in-laws, with nearly half of those aged 25-34 and 35-44 (both 49 per cent) agreeing.

Despite thoughts that Christmas is about spending time with family and friends, almost a third (31 per cent) of people said they would prefer to spend the day with their pet rather than with their entire family, with nearly 40 per cent of 16-24 year-olds in

agreement.

Meanwhile, 41 per cent would be happier spending the day with their pet over their friends, increasing to half of 25-34 year-olds and 45 per cent of 16-24 year-olds.

Even partners seemed to be in the doghouse over Christmas, with 20 per cent of people saying they'd prefer to spend the day with their pet. Some 31 per cent of 25-34 year-olds agreed.

The survey also highlighted that Christmas time is a period where owners choose to thoroughly spoil their pets.

Half of UK pet owners said they would get their pet a Christmas present, with well over a third (38 per cent) ensuring their pet's presents are nicely wrapped up.

The average owner spent around £20 on gifts of toys and treats, with some (three per cent) spending in excess of £50.

The nation's pets were also spoilt at dinner on Christmas Day, with 38 per cent enjoying a full turkey dinner.

Kerry Taylor, from Blue Cross, said: "Christmas is a time for family and loved ones for many but our survey shows just how much our trusted four-legged friends mean to us too and how much companionship and joy they bring to our lives."

"Our pets are there for us whatever the day and while plenty will be joining the whole family for celebrations, for some people their pets are the only companion or family they have."

## New chapter for history of Westgate library

A LIBRARY fit for the 21st century opened its doors to eager readers.

Visitors got their first taste of the new-look facilities last month at Westgate in Oxford.

Customers eager to see the transformation of the former Central Library filed into the foyer for the ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by Oxfordshire County Council chair Zoe Patrick.

County council cabinet member for cultural services Lorraine

Lindsay-Gale said: "We're underlining our commitment to libraries by putting them right at the heart of the communities they serve, and broadening the range of services and activities on offer."

"Our new County Library exemplifies that investment, and we believe this is a classic example of what a 21st century library should look and feel like."

The new library features a dedicated 'makerspace' area for

community activities including digital learning, arts and crafts and special events. With free wi-fi and 70 public computers, it will also allow visitors to access county council services online and get the support they may need to do this.

The new children's library will feature more space for activities, special events and school visits.

The previous library in Oxford was ranked the third busiest council-run library in the country.





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# Get ready for Winter

**Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.**

It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes

mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for

the 21st century that will transform the look of your garden which is supplied and fitted by a company whose customer service is as good as the product.

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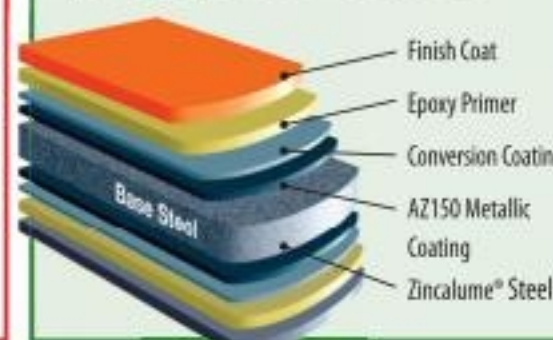
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**Go West** It has been over 30 years since Go West had their first hit single We Close Our Eyes. Other hits followed including Call Me, Goodbye Girl and

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Out About

# Peppa sprinkles fun for children

By Samantha McGregor

CHILDREN'S favourite Peppa Pig and friends will be making their way to Oxford in January with a new show.

Peppa Pig's Adventure features a new story, songs and lots of fun.

It takes to the New Theatre stage for two days, January 24 and 25.

Produced by leading children's theatre team Fiery Light and Entertainment One, Peppa Pig's Adventure marks the ninth consecutive year of Peppa Pig live theatre tours since 2009.

Join Peppa as she gets ready to go on an exciting camping trip to the woods with her brother George and her school friends including Pedro Pony, Suzy Sheep and Gerald Giraffe.

With lunch-boxes packed and Daddy Pig driving the bus, Peppa and her friends are excited about their outdoor adventure.

The happy campers soon settle down to sleep and listen to the gentle pitter patter of rain knowing the next morning there will be lots of muddy puddles to enjoy.

Director Richard Lewis has adapted the show for the stage for the fifth consecutive time, while the

show features music from BAFTA award-winning composer Mani Svavarsson.

Richard said seeing the characters live on stage made the show special for its young audience.

He said: "The children and parents who come along to see Peppa live on stage will have been following her adventures through the animated television series."

"They love to see all the characters and what they get up to."

"Here they have an added thrill because, there, in front of all their eyes, are their heroes in 3D talking directly to them and inviting them to come on their adventures."

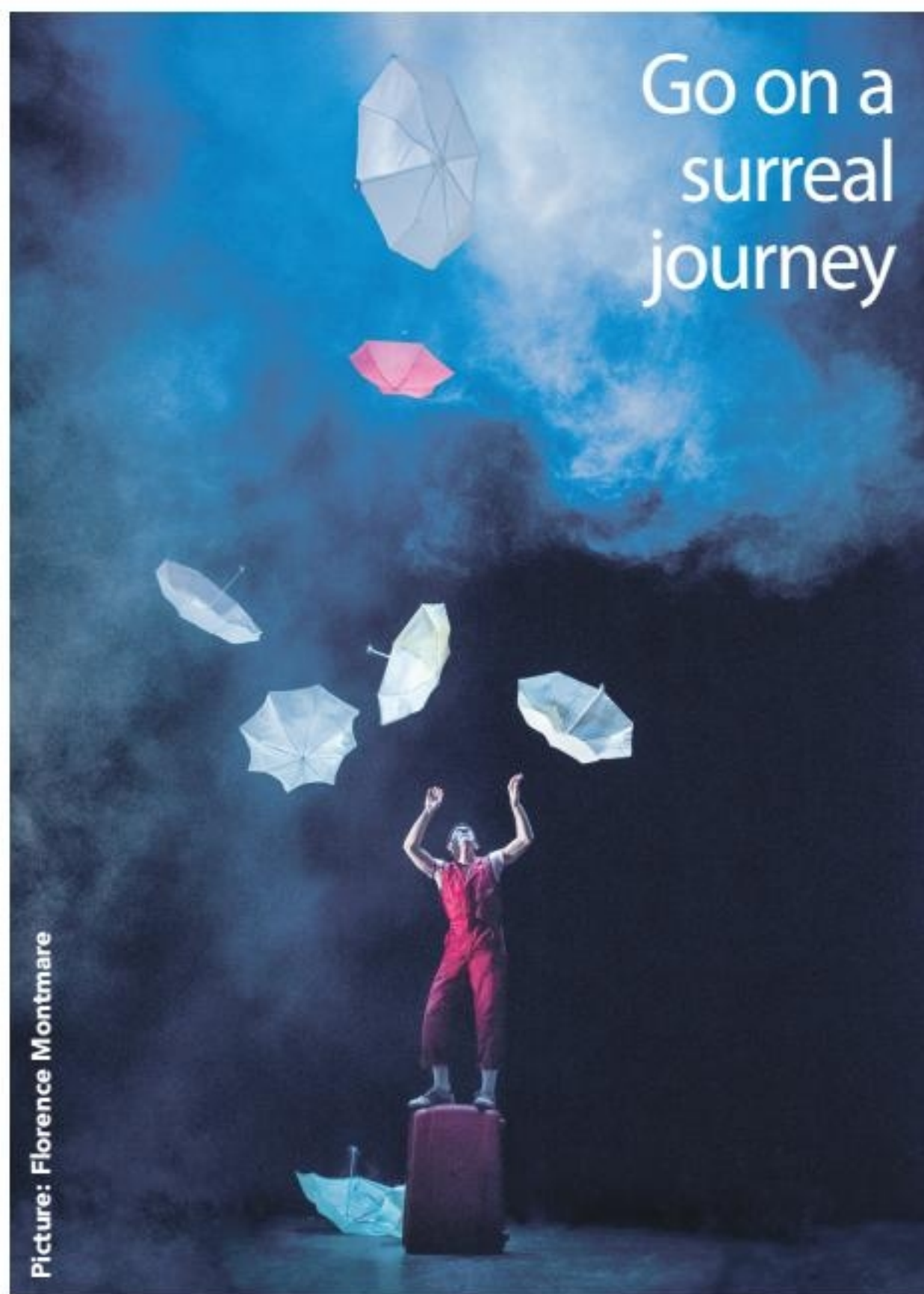
"When Peppa herself walks on stage the children go absolutely wild with excitement."

Richard said he ensured something happens on stage every nine to 12 seconds to keep young children enthralled and entertained.

Audiences will enjoy interactive fun, songs and games with Peppa Pig and her friends.

Peppa Pig's Adventure is suitable for children aged three and up.

Tickets can be bought from the New Theatre box office in George Street, by calling 0844 871 3020 or by view atgtickets.com/oxford



Picture: Florence Montmare

THE Oxford Playhouse is set to welcome physical comedy duo Acrobuffos with their show Air Play.

This show is described as "a modern spectacle that brings to life the very air we breathe".

It takes to the stage for two days on Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13.

Picture flying umbrellas, larger-than-life balloons, giant floating kites and the biggest snow globe you've ever seen.

Air Play is a circus-style adventure of two siblings journeying through a surreal land of air, transforming the ordinary into objects of uncommon beauty.

In this production fabrics dance in the wind, balloons have a mind of their own, confetti turns into the night sky and an enormous canopy of hovering silk forever alters their future.

Air Play was created by husband and wife team Seth Bloom and Christina Gelsone, who merge circus and street theatre performance art with the artistry of Daniel Wurtzel's air sculptures.

The couple met at a circus in Afghanistan, were engaged while street performing in Scotland and married in China. Christina's wedding dress was made of little white balloons.

Tickets for Air Play at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or view oxfordplayhouse.com

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# Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

## 1. Care Cost Fees

A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the local authority to help pay for these services. This goes back to the Community Care Act 1990, which came into force in 1993.

If someone requires social care in later life, the local authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the local authority will take over the fees.

Paul knows this all too well, after experiencing this personally. "My own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her.

When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate were counted in the local authority's means test.

Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the local authority get it all?'

Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 – and that's all that her children inherited."

There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this. The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true.

Local authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time.

Sometimes people think if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe.

This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not local authority care.

The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place.

Paul continues: "What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills.

If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would have only been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe.

Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?

The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning.

It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain a further important point. Most clients he sees are surprised to learn that remarriage usually cancels a will and makes the new spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children!

Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

It's another important reason for home-owning couples to upgrade to a Property Trust Will.

## 2. Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard "mirror wills" with other firms before approaching the firm. A mirror will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a mirror will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the local authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children.

Even if my children are named in my mirror will it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything.

Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin. This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit.

The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a mirror will. If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance.

Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work!

I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has. Bloodline trusts will give greater protection to your children."

Paul continues: "These things can be avoided by having a bloodline trusts will. Under these types of wills your children have complete control

and access to the inheritance they receive from you but give added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life. The wording in these wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

## 3. Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a will that deals with their estate on death, and a lasting power of attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

The lasting power of attorney is a relatively new introduction and is divided into two parts – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare. In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise. It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they receive care. Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times. You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available.

Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a lasting power of attorney document

Having a lasting power of attorney removes the burden on children should ill-health happen further down the line. It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death. Crucially, you have to complete a lasting power of attorney while they are still in good mental health.

If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for an order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process. It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family.

Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly where there are children or a business involved. It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us.

People think 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a power of attorney?'

But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance. Paul adds: "The next part is to appoint the attorneys, your children. Don't forget, your children can be the executors of your will and attorneys as well. The lasting power of attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it. Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."



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# New playing of Magic Flute

By Samantha McGregor

A BOLD new reinvention of Mozart's The Magic Flute comes to the Oxford Playhouse theatre this month.

The show is brought to the city by Olivier award-winning theatre company OperaUpClose, which is renowned for its English language adaptations of classic opera.

OperaUpClose returns to the Playhouse with The Magic Flute on Thursday, January 11.

In a modern spin on the classic tale, a couple is invited behind the velvet rope at London's most exclusive club.

Tamino doesn't have time to stop for beggars, paparazzi, or even his girlfriend Pamina.

But going to bed after a blazing row later that night, this ordinary couple relive the events and encounters of the evening in dreams made extraordinary by the lateness of the hour, their befuddled senses, and yes, a touch of magic.

Following its hugely popular re-imaginings of operas including Tosca and Don Giovanni, Opera UpClose has once again created a high-quality opera that is accessible for everyone, and created a new perspective to view some of the world's most loved stories and music.

This new production re-invents The Magic Flute for the era of Trump



Abigail Kelly, Peter Kirk, Fleur de Bray and Felicity Bucklan in The Magic Flute. Picture: Andreas Grieger

and recessions, casting rays of light and love into the darkness.

OperaUpClose's take on The Magic Flute combines Olivier award-nominee Glyn Maxwell's poetry, Alex Beetschen's orchestration and Valentina Ceschi's theatrical creativity.

In Mozart's original opera, which premiered in 1791, Tamino is a handsome prince who is requested by the Queen to rescue her daughter Pamina from the high priest

Sarastro.

However, the rescue does not go according to plan.

Tamino seeks to join Sarastro's community so he and Pamina team up to complete a series of initiation tests that lead to the Queen being defeated and new love for Tamino.

Tickets for The Magic Flute at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or view oxford-playhouse.com

## Have a laugh to start new year with Lee & pals

A NEW Bicester comedy club has opened its doors and this month welcomes two big names.

Lone Wolf Comedy Club, based at bar The Atic, Pioneer Square, will see Lee Hurst and Paul Tonkinson take to the stage on Thursday, January 11, from 8pm.

It will mark the third month the bar has held a comedy event, run by resident MC and stand-up comedian Andrew Bird.

Andrew, who has written for TV programmes including 8 out of 10 Cats does Countdown and Lee Mack's Duck Quacks Don't Echo, and worked with big names including Lee Hurst, Rhod Gilbert, Rob Brydon and Michael McIntyre, set up the new comedy night because he felt it was what "Bicester needed".

Lee Hurst, who is best known for They Think It's All Over, has been running his comedy venue, the Backyard Comedy Club, acting as resident compere, since 2000.

But for the last two years he has been touring and in 2018 will head out again with his new show Mucking About.

Double award-winning Paul Tonkinson has supported Michael McIntyre as a special guest on his live shows around the UK and twice won Time Out Comedian of the Year.

Tickets £10, go to WeGotTickets.com

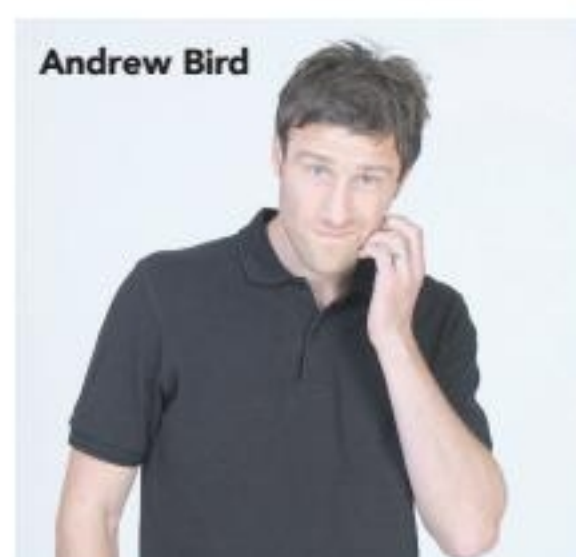
Lee Hurst



Paul Tonkinson



Andrew Bird



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tomers experience we have just opened a further two internal servicing bays, with NCC and AWS approval for warranty, body shop and servicing.

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**10% off pre-winter checks and caravan valeting during our Blue Cross Sale.**

The leisure, parts and accessory shop in undergoing an expansion, offering some great season sales on awnings and furniture. Come and view the latest air awnings by Kampa, Vango and Isabella.

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And of course people will use their caravan as a support vehicle (accommodation, refuelling and rest) for activities like running marathons, triathlons, hill walking, skiing, windsurfing even hovercraft racing. Some Caravaners are in the National Trust enjoying our heritage, our great houses and parks, the picturesque and even the simple things like a traditional cream tea.

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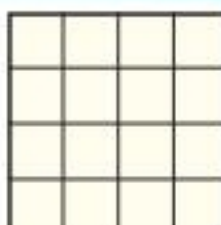
Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

## MAGIC SQUARE

### CEASES TO HAVE THEM

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.



## Quiz Challenge

- Which two words begin the titles of all four of Stieg Larsson's Millennium books?
- Who, in 1997, was the last French player to reach the men's singles final at Wimbledon?
- Beginning life in 1863, with which fashion product would you associate Dolcis?
- The river Ganges flows through India and which other country?
- At which British film and television studio would you find the Albert R. Broccoli 007 Stage?
- Which batsman played a record 164 Test matches for the West Indies?
- Which religious leader used to give Lhasa Apso dogs as gifts?
- In the first verse of John Betjeman's poem Slough, what six-word line follows 'Come friendly bombs and fall on Slough'?
- Which football manager appeared in Celebrity Big Brother 12 when Charlotte Crosby emerged as the winner?
- In which E.M. Forster novel does an English tourist accuse a doctor of attacking her?

## NONAGRAM

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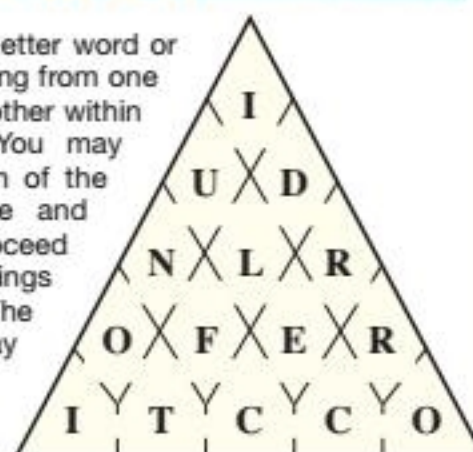
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

**Guidelines:**  
31 Good; 37 Very Good; 43 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns; pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

## WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



## FIVE ALIVE

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

## EQUALISER

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Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- Imitate a mule, it's frisky (8)
- Agreement made by lady going round cold (4)
- Almost late in finding a bone in a heap (8)
- Tiny article to appear in the morning (4)
- Renegade with carriage used for catching vermin (3,4)
- Write a letter (disciplinary) (5)
- Being so emotional it drove one mad (11)
- One who is unsuccessful in new roles (5)
- Lads can upset with malicious gossip (7)
- Can have nothing more in Ireland (4)
- Tear drop troubled killer animal (8)
- Double act no longer seen (4)
- Submitted an account after plastering? (8)

### DOWN

- Ambrose, having suffered a loss, is terribly melancholy (6)
- Deserve an order (5)
- Room for party rhetoric (10)
- Large cask crazy person overturned (3)
- Feeler Anne put out after a worker (7)
- Former archbishop's place of worship (6)
- Generous when one has lost one's grip? (4-6)
- Gets water out of shoes (5)
- Tried to replant seed, say (7)
- Censured for being left with morning in bed (6)
- Old king becomes left-hander then quits (6)
- Half determined to hinder (5)
- Whisky or port (3)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

- Building designer (9)
- Cosmetic liquid (6)
- Wading bird (4)
- Miserly (4)
- Type of tree (6)
- Clerical cap (7)
- Religious image (4)
- Large sea-fish (4)
- Relatives (3)
- Alcoholic spirit (3)
- Calf's flesh (4)
- Bridge (4)

### DOWN

- Peewit (7)
- Become visible (6)
- Bound (4)
- Money owing (4)
- Car converted for speed (3,3)
- Preparedness (6)
- Guiding rule (6)
- Rush along (6)
- Salad ingredient (6)
- Bird's foot (4)
- This evening (7)
- Brook (4)
- Interweaving (9)
- Life story (9)
- Dappled horse (4)
- Dismay (5)
- Military cap (4)
- Airman (7)
- Came ashore (6)
- Scandinavian country (6)
- Son of Osiris (6)
- Top of the head (4)
- Fairground attraction (4)

## SUDOKU

Easy

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Hard

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## SOLUTIONS

**CROSS CODE:**  
(1) Across – Capon; Alarm; Hitch.  
(2) Across – Coach; Plait; Nymph.  
Down – Lias; Scrub; Stern.  
**NONAGRAM:**  
Down – Lists; Large; Cabin.  
**Cryptic Crossword:**  
Across – 1 Simulate; 5 Pact; 8 Moribund; 9 Atom; 11 Rat trap; 13 Penal; 14 Sentimental; 18 Loser; 19 Scandal; 21 Mayo; 22 Predator; 24 Dodo; 25 Rendered.  
Down – 1 Sombre; 2 Melt; 3 Laboratory; 4 Tung; 6 Antenna; 7 Temple; 10 Open-handed; 12 Pumps; 15 Essayed; 16 Blamed; 17 Altered; 20 Defer; 23 Flye.  
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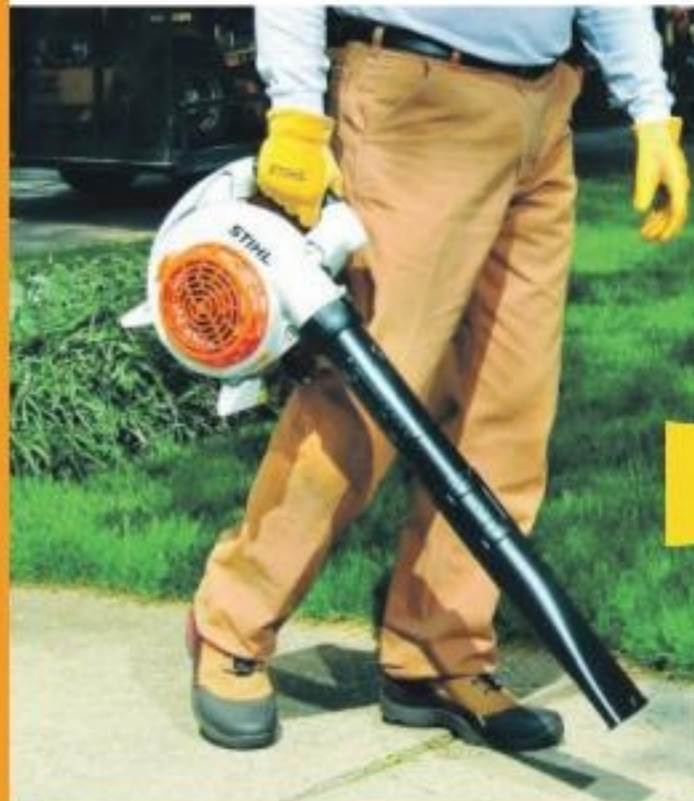
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**Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup>**

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

**BBC 1**7.30pm  
EastEnders

9.15am Rip Off Britain  
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer  
11.00am Wanted Down Under  
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

12.15pm Bargain Hunt  
1.00pm BBC News at One  
1.30pm Regional News and Weather  
1.45pm Doctors  
2.15pm Father Brown  
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country  
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown  
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip  
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six  
6.30pm Regional News and Weather  
7.00pm Celebrity Mastermind  
7.30pm EastEnders  
8.00pm DIY SOS The Big Build  
9.00pm Death in Paradise  
10.00pm BBC News at Ten  
10.30pm Regional News and Weather  
10.45pm Mrs. Brown's Boys  
11.15pm New Tricks  
12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead  
12.20am BBC News  
6.00am Breakfast

**BBC 2**3.15pm  
Penguins - Spy  
in the Huddle

7.15am Antiques Road Trip  
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals  
9.00am BBC Newsroom Live  
11.00am Westminster Abbey

12.00pm Coast  
12.10pm Lucky Jim  
1.45pm The Wonder of Animals  
2.15pm Operation Wild  
3.15pm Penguins - Spy in the Huddle  
4.15pm Planet Earth II  
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads  
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
7.00pm Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track  
7.30pm Christmas University Challenge 2017  
8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure  
9.00pm A House Through Time  
10.00pm Live at the Apollo  
10.30pm Newsnight  
11.15pm Robot Wars Special  
12.15am Blue Planet II  
1.45am Employable Me

**ITV**2.00pm  
Midsomer Murders

8.30am Lorraine  
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women  
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
1.55pm ITV News London  
2.00pm Midsomer Murders  
4.00pm Tipping Point  
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London  
6.30pm ITV Evening News  
7.00pm Emmerdale  
7.30pm Tonight  
8.00pm Emmerdale  
8.30pm Coronation Street  
9.00pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories  
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
10.30pm ITV News London  
10.45pm Great Art  
11.45pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards  
12.10am Jackpot247  
3.00am Tonight  
3.25am ITV Nightscreen

**Channel 4**6.00pm  
The Simpsons

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
8.30am Frasier  
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News  
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me  
1.05pm Posh Pawn  
2.10pm Countdown  
3.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo  
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

6.00pm The Simpsons  
6.30pm Hollyoaks  
7.00pm Channel 4 News  
8.00pm Food Unwrapped Diet Special  
9.00pm Hunted  
10.00pm Derry Girls  
10.30pm 20 Kids and Counting  
11.35pm 24 Hours in A and E  
12.40am The Supervet  
1.35am The Secret Life of the Zoo  
2.30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
3.20am Word of the Year  
4.15am Location, Location, Location

**Channel 5**1.30pm  
The 19th Wife

9.05am Mofy  
9.15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
9.45am The Unbeatables  
11.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
11.25am Access  
11.30am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.30pm 5 News Lunchtime  
12.35pm The Hotel Inspector  
1.30pm The 19th Wife  
3.20pm Deadly Stage Fright  
5.00pm 5 News at 5  
5.35pm Barging Loving Celebs

6.30pm 5 News Tonight  
7.00pm Baby Ballroom  
8.00pm Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash  
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother  
10.00pm Celebrity 100% Hotter!  
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
12.05am Super Casino  
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
4.00am My Mum's Hotter Than Me!  
4.45am House Doctor  
5.10am Wildlife SOS  
5.35am Chinese Food in Minutes

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TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

## BBC 1

**10.35pm**  
Graham  
Norton's Good  
Guest Guide



**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** Close Calls: On Camera

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News at One  
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**1.45pm** Doctors  
**2.15pm** Father Brown  
**3.00pm** I Escaped to the Country  
**3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown  
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**5.15pm** Pointless

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six  
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**7.00pm** Celebrity Mastermind  
**7.30pm** Match of the Day Live  
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten  
**10.25pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.35pm** Graham Norton's Good Guest Guide  
**11.25pm** Enterprice  
**11.50pm** Shanghai Noon  
**1.35am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**1.40am** BBC News  
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

**2.15pm**  
Dolphins: Spy  
in the Pod



**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** MasterChef: The Professionals  
**9.00am** BBC Newsroom Live  
**11.00am** Westminster in Review

**12.00pm** Coast  
**12.10pm** The Triple Cross  
**2.15pm** Dolphins: Spy in the Pod  
**4.15pm** Planet Earth II  
**5.15pm** Antiques Road Trip

**6.00pm** Eggheads  
**6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys  
**7.00pm** Natural World  
**8.00pm** Mastermind  
**8.30pm** Christmas University Challenge 2017  
**9.00pm** Rome Unpacked  
**10.00pm** QI  
**10.30pm** Newsnight  
**11.05pm** Deep Water  
**12.55am** Darcey Bussell: Looking for Fred Astaire  
**1.55am** Judi Dench: My Passion for Trees

## ITV

**8.00pm**  
River Monsters



**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**12.30pm** Loose Women  
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.55pm** ITV News London  
**2.00pm** Midsomer Murders  
**4.00pm** Tipping Point  
**5.00pm** The Chase

**6.00pm** ITV News London  
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News  
**7.00pm** Emmerdale  
**7.30pm** Coronation Street  
**8.00pm** River Monsters  
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**9.00pm** The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale  
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather  
**10.30pm** ITV News London  
**10.40pm** Guess the Star  
**11.40pm** Take Me Out  
**12.30am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Alphabetical

## Channel 4

**3.00pm**  
The Secret Life  
of the Zoo



**7.10am** 3rd Rock from the Sun  
**7.35am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**12.05pm** Couples Come Dine with Me  
**1.05pm** Posh Pawn  
**2.10pm** Countdown  
**3.00pm** The Secret Life of the Zoo  
**4.00pm** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun  
**5.00pm** Come Dine with Me

**6.00pm** The Simpsons  
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks  
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**8.00pm** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast  
**9.00pm** The Beatles  
**11.10pm** The Bourne Legacy  
**1.40am** Piranha 3DD  
**3.05am** Prince  
**4.00am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**4.50am** Location, Location, Location  
**5.45am** Kirstie's Vintage Gems  
**6.05am** Triathlon

## Channel 5

**8.00pm** Costa  
Del Celebrity



**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
**9.40am** Igor  
**11.15am** Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud  
**11.45am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors

**12.40pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.45pm** The Hotel Inspector  
**1.35pm** Family Secrets  
**3.20pm** Deadly Paradise  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.35pm** Barging Loving Celebs

**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!  
**8.00pm** Costa Del Celebrity  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Will and Grace  
**10.30pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**11.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
**12.00am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.00am** My Mum's Hotter Than Me!  
**4.45am** House Doctor  
**5.10am** Wildlife SOS

Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

## BBC 1

**3.00pm** Money  
for Nothing



**10.00am** Saturday Kitchen Live  
**11.30am** Mary Berry Everyday

**12.00pm** BBC News  
**12.15pm** Football Focus  
**12.45pm** Match of the Day Live  
**3.00pm** Money for Nothing  
**4.00pm** Final Score  
**5.10pm** Celebrity Mastermind  
**5.40pm** BBC News  
**5.50pm** Regional News and Weather

**6.00pm** And They're Off... for Sport Relief  
**6.40pm** Pointless  
**7.25pm** Wedding Day Winners  
**8.30pm** Casualty  
**9.20pm** BBC News  
**9.35pm** Hard Sun  
**10.30pm** Match of the Day Live - FA Cup  
**12.05am** The NFL Show  
**12.35am** The Resident  
**2.00am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**2.05am** BBC News  
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

**12.00pm**  
Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean  
Adventure



**7.30am** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch  
**8.00am** The Engineers  
**8.30am** Deadly Top 10  
**9.00am** World's Sneakiest Animals  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Pets: Wild at Heart

**12.00pm** Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure  
**1.00pm** Back to the Land with Kate Humble  
**2.00pm** Rome Unpacked  
**3.00pm** The Letter  
**4.30pm** Natural World  
**5.15pm** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor  
**5.45pm** Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

**6.15pm** Hugh's Wild West  
**7.15pm** A House Through Time  
**8.15pm** Dad's Army  
**8.45pm** Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs  
**9.15pm** Feud: Bette and Joan  
**10.00pm** Feud: Bette and Joan  
**11.00pm** Live at the Apollo  
**11.45pm** QI XL  
**12.30am** Later... with Jools Holland  
**25th Birthday Show**  
**2.30am** This is BBC Two  
**6.20am** Coast

## ITV

**9.50pm**  
Spectre



**8.10am** The Powerpuff Girls  
**8.30am** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! Mystery 101  
**9.05am** Wishart  
**9.25am** ITV News  
**9.30am** Saturday Morning with James Martin  
**11.30am** The Hungry Sailors

**12.30pm** ITV News  
**12.40pm** Endeavour  
**2.40pm** The Greatest TV Moments of All Time  
**4.35pm** ITV News London  
**4.45pm** ITV News  
**4.55pm** The Chase: Celebrity Special

**6.00pm** Catchphrase  
**7.00pm** Take Me Out  
**8.00pm** The Voice UK  
**9.35pm** ITV News  
**9.50pm** Spectre  
**12.30am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Babushka  
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen  
**6.00am** Sooty  
**6.10am** Bottom Knocker Street  
**6.20am** Bottom Knocker Street  
**6.35am** Dino Dana  
**6.50am** Super 4

## Channel 4

**11.40pm** The  
Transporter



**7.00am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**7.50am** Frasier  
**9.25am** The Big Bang Theory  
**10.50am** The Simpsons  
**11.45am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**12.45pm** Darts  
**5.30pm** A Place in the Sun

**6.30pm** Channel 4 News  
**7.00pm** Spying on the Royals  
**8.00pm** Princess Diana's 'Wicked' Stepmother  
**9.00pm** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2  
**11.40pm** The Transporter  
**1.25am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**2.15am** Hollyoaks Omnibus  
**4.00am** Location, Location, Location  
**4.55am** Coast v Country  
**5.50am** Four in a Bed  
**6.15am** King of Queens

## Channel 5

**8.00pm** Blind  
Date



**9.25am** Digby Dragon  
**9.35am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
**10.10am** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud  
**10.40am** Christmas Cruising with Jane McDonald  
**11.40am** West Side Story

**2.30pm** The Hundred-Foot Journey  
**3.30pm** 5 News  
**3.35pm** The Hundred-Foot Journey  
**4.55pm** 5 News Weekend  
**5.00pm** Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud

**6.00pm** The Wonderful World of Puppies  
**7.00pm** Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!  
**8.00pm** Blind Date  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever  
**11.45pm** Lip Sync Battle UK  
**12.15am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh  
**4.00am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.45am** House Doctor  
**5.10am** Wildlife SOS



# Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

## BBC 1



**1.15pm** Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out  
**7.30am** Match of the Day Live - FA Cup  
**9.00am** The Andrew Marr Show  
**10.00am** The Big Questions  
**11.00am** Homes Under the Hammer

**12.00pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News  
**1.15pm** Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out  
**1.40pm** Match of the Day Live  
**4.00pm** Escape to the Country  
**4.30pm** Songs of Praise  
**5.05pm** Antiques Roadshow

**6.05pm** BBC News  
**6.20pm** Regional News and Weather  
**6.30pm** Countryfile  
**7.30pm** Still Open All Hours  
**8.00pm** Attenborough and the Sea Dragon  
**9.00pm** McMafia  
**10.00pm** BBC News  
**10.20pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.30pm** Match of the Day Live - FA Cup  
**11.30pm** The Women's Football Show  
**12.05am** Weather for the Week Ahead  
**12.10am** BBC News  
**6.00am** Breakfast

## BBC 2

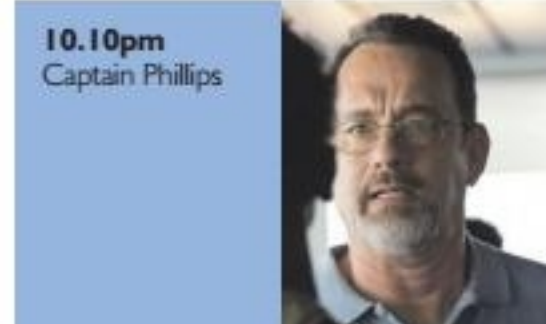


**2.50pm** Ladies in Lavender  
**8.05am** Gardeners' World  
**8.35am** Greatest Gardens  
**9.05am** Countryfile  
**10.00am** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites  
**11.30am** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well

**12.00pm** Food and Drink  
**12.30pm** The A to Z of TV Cooking  
**12.40pm** Natural World  
**1.40pm** Money for Nothing  
**2.10pm** Talking Pictures  
**2.50pm** Ladies in Lavender  
**4.30pm** Flog It!  
**5.15pm** Ski Sunday

**6.00pm** The Real T rex with Chris Packham  
**7.00pm** Robot Wars Special  
**8.00pm** Dragons' Den  
**9.00pm** Michael Palin: A Life on Screen  
**10.00pm** And Now for Something Completely Different  
**11.25pm** Strictly Ballroom  
**1.00am** Countryfile  
**1.55am** Holby City  
**2.55am** This is BBC Two  
**6.00am** Flog It! Trade Secrets  
**6.30am** The Farmers' Country Showdown

## ITV

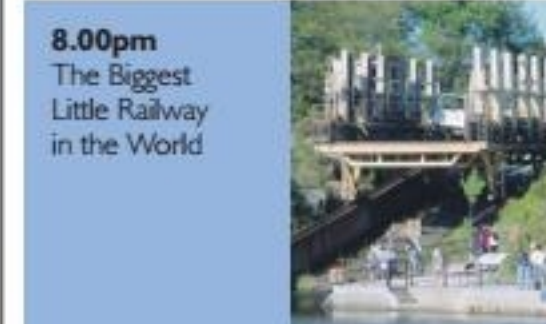


**10.10pm** Captain Phillips  
**8.30am** Spy School  
**9.05am** Wishart  
**9.25am** ITV News  
**9.30am** River Monsters  
**9.55am** The Voice UK  
**11.30am** Tipping Point

**12.30pm** ITV News  
**12.40pm** A Right Royal Quiz  
**1.40pm** The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale  
**2.45pm** Catchphrase  
**3.45pm** ITV News London  
**4.00pm** ITV News  
**4.10pm** Happy Feet Two

**6.00pm** Dancing on Ice  
**8.00pm** Vera  
**10.00pm** ITV News  
**10.10pm** Captain Phillips  
**12.35am** Great Art  
**1.30am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** Sunday Night at the Palladium  
**3.50am** ITV Nightscreen  
**5.05am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**6.00am** Good Morning Britain

## Channel 4



**8.00pm** The Biggest Little Railway in the World  
**7.05am** King of Queens  
**7.30am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.25am** Frasier  
**9.30am** Sunday Brunch

**12.30pm** Darts  
**5.30pm** The Great Festive Bake Off

**6.45pm** Channel 4 News  
**7.00pm** The World's Wildest Weather  
**8.00pm** The Biggest Little Railway in the World  
**9.00pm** SAS: Who Dares Wins  
**10.00pm** The Sweeney  
**12.10am** Moonrise Kingdom  
**1.55am** Grand Designs  
**2.50am** Location, Location, Location  
**3.45am** KOTV Boxing Weekly  
**4.15am** Coast v Country  
**5.10am** Four in a Bed  
**5.35am** Countdown  
**6.20am** 3rd Rock from the Sun

## Channel 5



**4.15pm** The Love Punch  
**9.10am** Shimmer and Shine  
**9.25am** Digby Dragon  
**9.40am** Peppa Pig  
**9.45am** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
**10.20am** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud  
**10.40am** Groundhog Day

**12.40pm** Practical Magic  
**2.40pm** Will and Grace  
**3.10pm** Blind Date  
**4.15pm** The Love Punch

**6.00pm** The Two Ronnies  
**8.00pm** Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights  
**8.55pm** 5 News Weekend  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Hot Pursuit  
**11.00pm** 5 News  
**11.05pm** Hot Pursuit  
**11.50pm** One Night with My Ex  
**12.50am** Lip Sync Battle UK  
**1.15am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.00am** Now That's Funny!  
**4.45am** House Doctor

# Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

## BBC 1



**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**9.15am** Rip Off Britain  
**10.00am** Homes Under the Hammer  
**11.00am** Wanted Down Under  
**11.45am** Close Calls: On Camera

**12.15pm** Bargain Hunt  
**1.00pm** BBC News at One  
**1.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**1.45pm** Doctors  
**2.15pm** Father Brown  
**3.00pm** I Escaped to the Country  
**3.45pm** The Farmers' Country Showdown  
**4.30pm** Antiques Road Trip  
**5.15pm** Pointless

**6.00pm** BBC News at Six  
**6.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**7.00pm** The One Show  
**7.30pm** An Inside Out Special  
**8.00pm** EastEnders  
**8.30pm** Panorama  
**9.00pm** Silent Witness  
**10.00pm** BBC News at Ten  
**10.30pm** Regional News and Weather  
**10.45pm** Have I Got Old News for You  
**11.15pm** Miriam's Big American Adventure  
**12.15am** Graham Norton's Good Guest Guide

## BBC 2



**11.15pm** Robot Wars Special  
**7.15am** Antiques Road Trip  
**8.00am** Antiques Roadshow  
**9.00am** Victoria Derbyshire  
**11.00am** BBC Newsroom Live

**12.00pm** The Daily Politics  
**1.00pm** Coast  
**1.15pm** Brazil with Michael Palin  
**2.15pm** Himalaya with Michael Palin  
**3.15pm** The Great British Winter  
**4.15pm** Planet Earth II  
**5.15pm** Flog It!

**6.00pm** Eggheads  
**6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys  
**7.00pm** Match of the Day  
**7.30pm** Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track  
**8.00pm** Only Connect  
**8.30pm** University Challenge  
**9.00pm** Surgeons  
**10.00pm** Insert Name Here  
**10.30pm** Newsnight  
**11.15pm** Robot Wars Special  
**12.15am** Natural World  
**1.15am** Joe Orton Laid Bare  
**2.35am** This is BBC Two

## ITV



**8.00pm** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury  
**8.30am** Lorraine  
**9.25am** The Jeremy Kyle Show  
**10.30am** This Morning

**12.30pm** Loose Women  
**1.30pm** ITV Lunchtime News  
**1.55pm** ITV News London  
**2.00pm** Judge Rinder  
**3.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal  
**4.00pm** Tipping Point  
**5.00pm** The Chase

**6.00pm** ITV News London  
**6.30pm** ITV Evening News  
**7.00pm** Emmerdale  
**7.30pm** Coronation Street  
**8.00pm** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury  
**8.30pm** Coronation Street  
**9.00pm** Next of Kin  
**10.00pm** ITV News at Ten and Weather  
**10.30pm** ITV News London  
**10.40pm** Piers Morgan's Life Stories  
**11.40pm** Killer Women with Piers Morgan  
**12.35am** Jackpot247  
**3.00am** The Jeremy Kyle Show

## Channel 4



**11.05pm** Derry Girls  
**7.05am** Everybody Loves Raymond  
**8.30am** Frasier  
**10.05am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
**11.00am** Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

**12.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**12.05pm** Darts  
**5.00pm** Come Dine with Me

**6.00pm** The Simpsons  
**6.30pm** Hollyoaks  
**7.00pm** Channel 4 News  
**8.00pm** How to Lose Weight Well  
**9.00pm** The Undateables  
**10.00pm** First Dates Hotel  
**11.05pm** Derry Girls  
**11.40pm** Hunted  
**12.40am** SAS: Who Dares Wins  
**1.40am** Flat Pack Mansions  
**2.35am** Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge  
**3.30am** Coast v Country  
**4.25am** Location, Location, Location

## Channel 5



**7.00pm** Car Crash TV  
**8.20am** Rusty Rivets  
**8.35am** Shimmer and Shine  
**8.55am** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
**9.05am** Mofy  
**9.15am** The Wright Stuff  
**11.15am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors

**12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime  
**12.15pm** The Hotel Inspector  
**1.15pm** Home and Away  
**1.45pm** Neighbours  
**2.15pm** NCIS  
**3.15pm** Killer Mom  
**5.00pm** 5 News at 5  
**5.30pm** Neighbours

**6.00pm** Home and Away  
**6.30pm** 5 News Tonight  
**7.00pm** Car Crash TV  
**8.00pm** Police Interceptors  
**9.00pm** Celebrity Big Brother  
**10.00pm** Not So Sweet Sixteen  
**11.05pm** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
**12.05am** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies  
**1.00am** Super Casino  
**3.10am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
**4.00am** Now That's Funny!  
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## BBC 1

7.00pm The One Show



9.15am Rip Off Britain  
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer  
11.00am Wanted Down Under  
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

12.15pm Bargain Hunt  
1.00pm BBC News at One  
1.30pm Regional News and Weather  
1.45pm Doctors  
2.15pm Father Brown  
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country  
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown  
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip  
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six  
6.30pm Regional News and Weather  
7.00pm The One Show  
7.30pm EastEnders  
8.00pm Holby City  
9.00pm Silent Witness  
10.00pm BBC News at Ten  
10.30pm Regional News and Weather  
10.45pm Carvey: The Promised Island  
11.25pm An Inside Out Special  
11.55pm Stacey Dooley Investigates  
12.55am Weather for the Week Ahead  
1.00am BBC News  
6.00am Breakfast

## BBC 2

2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin



7.15am Antiques Road Trip  
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire  
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics  
1.00pm Coast  
1.15pm Brazil with Michael Palin  
2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin  
3.15pm The Great British Winter  
4.15pm Planet Earth II  
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads  
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
8.00pm Inside the Factory  
9.00pm House of Saud: A Family at War  
10.00pm Inside No 9  
10.30pm Newsnight  
11.15pm NFL  
12.05am Surgeons  
1.05am The Real Marigold on Tour  
2.05am Miriam's Big American Adventure  
3.05am This is BBC Two  
6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets

## ITV

8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show Live



8.30am Lorraine  
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women  
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
1.55pm ITV News London  
2.00pm Judge Rinder  
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
4.00pm Tipping Point  
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London  
6.30pm ITV Evening News  
7.00pm Emmerdale  
7.30pm Save Money: Good Food  
8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show Live  
9.00pm School for Stammerers  
10.30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
11.00pm ITV News London  
11.15pm Girlfriends  
12.15am Tonight at the London Palladium  
1.05am Jackpot247  
3.00am Loose Women  
3.45am ITV Nightscreen

## Channel 4

9.00pm 24 Hours in A and E



7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond  
8.35am Frasier  
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News  
12.05pm Darts  
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6.00pm The Simpsons  
6.30pm Hollyoaks  
7.00pm Channel 4 News  
8.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo  
9.00pm 24 Hours in A and E  
10.00pm Working Class White Men  
11.00pm Naked Attraction  
12.05am How to Lose Weight Well  
1.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
1.55am Warship  
2.55am Rivers with Jeremy Paxman  
3.50am Grand Designs  
4.45am Location, Location, Location

## Channel 5

2.15pm NCIS



8.20am Rusty Rivets  
8.35am Shimmer and Shine  
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom  
9.05am Mofy  
9.15am The Wright Stuff  
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime  
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector  
1.15pm Home and Away  
1.45pm Neighbours  
2.15pm NCIS  
3.15pm Eyewitness  
5.00pm 5 News at 5  
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away  
6.30pm 5 News Tonight  
7.00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh  
8.00pm Diet Secrets and How to Lose Weight  
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother  
10.35pm One Night with My Ex  
11.35pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side  
12.35am Celebrity Big Brother  
1.05am Super Casino  
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
4.00am Now That's Funny!

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## BBC 1

9.00pm Miriam's Big American Adventure



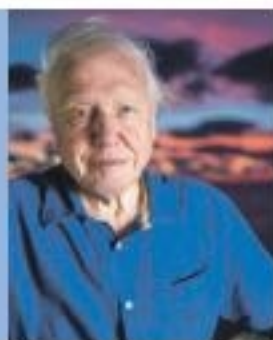
9.15am Rip Off Britain  
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer  
11.00am Wanted Down Under  
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

12.15pm Bargain Hunt  
1.00pm BBC News at One  
1.30pm Regional News and Weather  
1.45pm Doctors  
2.15pm Father Brown  
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country  
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown  
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip  
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six  
6.30pm Regional News and Weather  
7.00pm The One Show  
8.00pm The Truth About Looking Good  
9.00pm Miriam's Big American Adventure  
10.00pm BBC News at Ten  
10.30pm Regional News and Weather  
10.45pm A Question of Sport  
11.15pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief  
12.00am Weather for the Week Ahead  
12.05am BBC News  
6.00am Breakfast

## BBC 2

4.15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough



7.15am Antiques Road Trip  
8.00am Fern Britton Meets...  
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire  
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live  
11.30am The Daily Politics

1.00pm Coast  
1.15pm Brazil with Michael Palin  
2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin  
3.15pm The Great British Winter  
4.15pm Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough  
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads  
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys  
7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico  
8.00pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good  
8.30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor  
9.00pm Fighting for Air  
10.00pm Mock the Week  
10.30pm Newsnight  
11.15pm Inside the Factory  
12.15am DIY SOS The Big Build  
1.15am The Real T rex with Chris Packham  
2.15am This is BBC Two

## ITV

9.00pm Girlfriends



8.30am Lorraine  
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women  
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
1.55pm ITV News London  
2.00pm Judge Rinder  
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal  
4.00pm Tipping Point  
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London  
6.25pm Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party  
6.30pm ITV Evening News  
7.00pm Emmerdale  
7.30pm Coronation Street  
8.00pm Britain's Brightest Family  
8.30pm Coronation Street  
9.00pm Girlfriends  
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
10.30pm ITV News London  
10.40pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow

## Channel 4

8.00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it



7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond  
8.35am Frasier  
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA  
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News  
12.05pm Darts  
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

6.00pm The Simpsons  
6.30pm Hollyoaks  
7.00pm Channel 4 News  
8.00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it  
9.00pm Kiri  
10.00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?  
11.05pm 24 Hours in A and E  
12.05am Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge  
1.10am The Social Network  
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4.10am Location, Location, Location  
5.00am Coast v Country  
5.50am Four in a Bed

## Channel 5

8.00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors



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6.30pm 5 News Tonight  
7.00pm Starting Up, Starting Over  
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4.45am House Doctor  
5.10am Wildlife SOS



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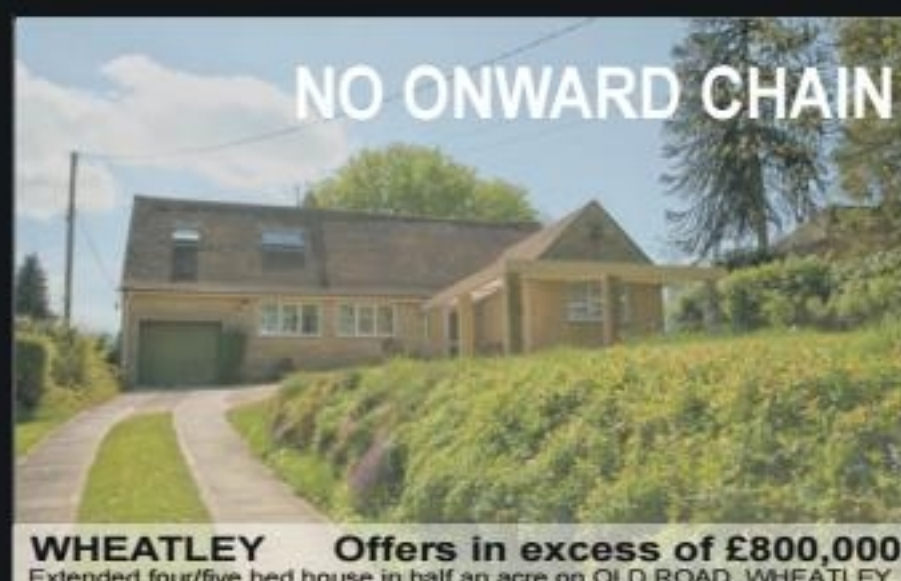
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Alfa Romeo Giulia 2.2 Turbo Diesel 180HP Super

## 'I want to run away with this new love'

By **Tony Yates**

For the last six months I have been waiting for the new Alfa Romeo Giulia to arrive on my driveway – and guess what? It's finally here. I'm not going to get too excited about it because it's just another car right? Actually, scrub that, this is not just another car, this is an Alfa and I'm very excited about it because the Giulia is probably the only car right now that I want to run away with to a remote desert island somewhere.

Maybe that was a little over the top, even for me – but just remember this is no ordinary 'Alfa Romeo'.

Right, now I have that out my system I will quickly calm down and resume my normal mode for the rest of the review. But please be aware that I may at some point burst into uncontrollable rants of love and affection for the Giulia at any given time - so please, be on your guard at all times whilst reading on.

### Power & efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 2,143cc 4-cylinder turbo diesel engine

with 180HP. Top speed is around 143mph and 0-62 is up in 7.0 sec. Well, now we have that bit out the way – what was the engine actually like I hear you shout? Well, for a diesel, I would give it a big fat YES on all levels. Mainly because the engine pulls really well in any gear thanks to a brilliant 8-speed transmission, which also just happens to offer up maximum torque figure of around 450Nm.

Where the Giulia really shines though is in its ability to return over 60mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions as low as 109 g/km, which is just staggering. The engine also feels alive and poised ready for action - exactly how a proper Alfa should feel.

### On the road

The suspension is set up in such a way that it works in perfect harmony with the chassis to keep the Giulia not only flat into the corners but also controlled enough on the exit, allowing you to really feel how well all those components are working together to assure you of maximum grip at all

times. Plus, of course, it also happens to have that all-important Alfa DNA installed at its heart which also spills out by the bucket load.

### Design & technology

On the inside, the Giulia is exciting and the attention to detail on the interior finish is not only good, it's breathtaking. You know this is a real driver's car the moment you sit inside. And it's good to see Alfa hasn't forgotten any of that.

The interior seating is well designed and the seats support you firmly. The cabin is also festooned by a decent amount of quality materials that will wear well for many years to come.

Legroom in the back is good for all occupants which makes my life travelling with my children a more happy affair - thanks mainly to the amount of space they had between them limiting the moans of 'he keeps pinching me'. Like I said earlier – the Alfa is a real driver's car, and the Giulia is turning out to be something very special indeed.



Tony Yates can't hide his admiration for the new Alfa Romeo Giulia

Some of the standard equipment includes; 7" TFT colour cluster display, Alfa D.N.A driving mode selector, automatic headlights, dual-zone climate control, rear parking sensors, 8 speaker audio system, cruise control, Forward Collision Warning (FCW), Integrated Brake System (IBS) and Autonomous Emergency Braking

(AEB) Plus, an engine start button on the steering wheel which is very cool indeed and a nice touch.

### To sum up

The Giulia is a great car. Enough said.

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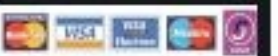


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## Sport

By George Welch

## Evo Stik round-up

A CONVINCING 3-0 home win over local rivals North Leigh lifted Didcot Town into the Evo-Stik South West play-offs.

A header from captain Adam Learoyd gave the Railwaymen a half time lead before Felipe Barcelos and Marlon Agyakwa added the extras after the break.

Saturday's win, which followed Christmas draws at home to Bideford (0-0) and at another Oxfordshire side, Kidlington (3-3), elevated Diddy up four places to join the play-off pack as the season tipped over the halfway stage.

The dominant result, which left Leigh in the bottom half, made it just one defeat in nine matches for Town.

It was a goalless festive season for the Millers, who, in addition to the defeat at the hands of Didcot, lost 1-0 at Bristol Manor Farm and 2-0 at home to Evesham United.

Elsewhere in the West division, Kidlington lost ground on the top six after picking up two points from three games.

This included a disappointing 3-1 defeat at Yate Town and draws against promotion contenders Didcot and Swindon Supermarine. Their match at home to Bideford on Saturday was postponed.

But Kiddy's 1-1 draw at Marine on Monday wasn't a bad result against



Didcot Town goalkeeper Leigh Bedwell punches clear a cross in the 0-0 draw with Bideford. Picture: Roger Neal

a side who had won four of their previous five matches.

The Greens, who endured a difficult December, took the lead via an early Mark Janes goal but fell behind quickly in the second half when Ryan Campbell and Josh Parsons scored to turn the game around.

Stung by this, Kiddy clawed their way back into the game when Declan

Benjamin scored a glorious equaliser from 20 yards.

Harry Whitehead was sent off for the visitors but Kiddy held on for a hard-earned point.

In the east division, Thame United shot up four places to seventh with a 3-1 New Year's Day derby win over Aylesbury United.

The set-back failed to distract

Thame however and they reinstated the two-goal cushion five minutes later, West heading home his second goal of the game to send his side to within three points of the play-offs.

Meanwhile, captain Ellis Hercules, who has made more than 200 appearances for the club, has left south Oxfordshire for a job opportunity in New Zealand.

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### UHSport Hellenic League Premier Division

Saturday 30 December  
Oxford City Nomads 4-0 Ascot United  
Woodley United P-P Wantage Town

■ Banbury United's indifferent festive form was a fair representation of the team's inconsistent campaign so far.

They drew 1-1 at Biggleswade Town, lost 2-1 at home to Dunstable Town and beat Startford Town 3-2 to begin 2018 with a win. Banbury (9th) host Hitchin Town (6th) on Saturday.

## Happy end to 2017 for Nomads celebrating with nine goals in three games

## Hellenic round-up

OXFORD City Nomads saw out 2017 in style scoring nine goals without conceding in three consecutive away fixtures.

Goals from Jack Tutton and Nathan Simms sandwiched two from Jordi

Mulvaney as the visitors beat Woodley in all competitions for the third time this season on December 23.

An own goal from Dean March secured a 1-0 victory over Brackley Town Saints on Boxing Day and another 4-0 thumping on December 30 against Ascot United lifts the Nomads to 13th on 28 points.

Bragging rights in the Vale of White Horse derby went to promotion hopefuls Wantage Town who put two past Abingdon United at Northcourt on December 23.

Ben Willoughby opened the scoring for the away side before Tom Butler briefly levelled the scoring, but Jim Glover secured all three points for

Wantage on 65 minutes. It would be the only time Abingdon got on the pitch over the festive period as their away trip to Fairford was postponed.

It was second in the table Thatcham Town hosting third placed Wantage Town in a hard fought 3-1 victory for the home side on Boxing Day to leave Wantage 10 points adrift of

their promotion rivals. They have the chance to make amends when they take on Lydney Town after their away trip to Woodley was postponed.

It's 14th against 16th on the same match day as Abingdon travel to Ascot, while Oxford City Nomads return to action on January 13 when they visit Fairford Town.



Alan Green, Milos Bilic and Michael Bidmead celebrate their holes in one at the 15th on the same day at the Oxford Golf Club

## Hole-y unbelievable as three notch up feat

## Golf

THREE amateur golfers aced a hole in one on the 15th pin on the same day at the Oxford Golf Club.

Michael Bidmead, 72, and Milos Bilic, 51, were competing in a 'three-ball' match when they both hit holes in one just seconds apart on the 201-yard par three hole.

Milos teed off first with a six iron but as the green is in a dip, the golfers could not see how his ball ended up.

Michael then struck a six iron straight at the flag and was surprised to find their two balls both nestled in the hole.

Milos, of Marston, who plays off a handicap of 10, said: "It's a bit of a blur, but we punched the air with delight, hugged and shook each other's hands."

The odds of two players acing the same hole one after the other have been calculated at more than 17 million to one, according to the National Hole in One Registry.

After completing their round the pair went into the club house to enjoy the golfing tradition of buying the drinks, only to discover Alan Green, 60, from Thame, had already been lining them up, having aced the same hole earlier in the day.

Alan, a builder, who also used a six iron to tee off, said: "It was my first hole in one and I've been playing 38 years."

Remarkably it was Michael's 10th hole in one since he took up the game as a youngster in 1978.

## Stars avoid slip up ahead of top of table clash

## Ice Hockey

SIZZLING Oxford City Stars were given a reality check just before Christmas as they gear up to take on their closest challengers on Sunday.

The NIHL South1 leaders welcome Bracknell Hornets, who sit threateningly eight points behind with four games in hand, to Oxpens Road as they aim to make it an immense 13 wins on the bounce.

But Kenny Redmond's side were given a real fright before securing

a tight 7-5 success away to Bristol Pitbulls in their only festive fixture.

The Stars have blown away five opponents with double-figured scores so far this campaign but, on this occasion, they had to fight back from a 3-1 deficit after 26 minutes.

Four goals inside three minutes however gave the away side a lead they would cling on to.

Josh Oliver (29 & 30), Dax Hedges (30) and Kamil Kinkor (31) found the back of the net as the Stars scorched their bewildered hosts within the blink of an eye.

Oliver netted his third of the afternoon just before the end of the middle period and Joe Edwards rounded off the win with a 48:03 strike.

Goals from Michael Hargreaves (2), Olly Shone (24 & 27), Matthew Thornhill (52) and Macaulay Coppock (56) ensured the tenacious Pitbulls belied their lowly position in the table.

City would make a big step towards the league title with a win against Bracknell, who overcame Guildford 5-3 on Saturday, at the weekend.

Face off is at 6.15pm on Sunday.



Dax Hedges scored Oxford's third against Bristol Pitbulls  
Picture: Oxford City Stars



# Winning streak ends but boss won't blame players

By George Welch

## Oxford City

A DISAPPOINTING 3-0 home defeat brought an abrupt end to Oxford City's eight-match unbeaten streak, although boss Mark Jones refused to be too critical of his players.

The Hoops were well beaten by Gloucester City on Monday as they chased a festive double over their fellow National League South strugglers.

City, who won 1-0 at Jubilee Stadium on Boxing Day, were way below the high standards set since November.

Jones said: "You can accept getting beat but the manner of the defeat was disappointing.

"Fair play to Gloucester, I think they deserve it but I don't think we were at the races. The goals we've conceded were poor errors - we have almost given them two goals.

"We haven't been doing that kind of thing recently but it was a poor day at the office. We had a lot of below par players."

The visitors took the lead in the eighth minute via a Chris Knowles header from a wide free kick.

The Tigers added a second just before half time when Karnell

Christian Oxlade Chamberlain jumps in pursuit of the ball  
Picture: Michael Allen



Chambers intercepted Joe Oastler's pass across to Freddie Grant before chipping over the out of position Jack Stevens.

The third, after half time, came in similar fashion as Ethan Moore intercepted Mo Fofana's pass back before slotting past the helpless Stevens.

"You can't be too critical of the players. We've come off the back of a very positive eight weeks - that's the first league defeat since October 21.

"The unbeaten run was always going to come to an end some time but the disappointing thing was the manner of the performance.

"We won't panic or hammer the players because in general the players have been very good for us over the last couple of months," Jones said.

City, four points above the division's trapdoor in 19th, make the short trip to Hungerford Town (14th) on Saturday and visit Havant & Waterlooville (2nd) on Tuesday.

## Coach to share experience with U18s

FORMER Yellow Chris Hackett will help coach the Under-18 squad after receiving a promotion to the youth team's backroom staff.

The former winger has taken on the role of personal development plan coach, replacing Andy Whing as the man to assist boss Leon Blackmore-Such with the youngsters.

Born and bred in Oxford, Hackett is a familiar figure to most U's fans having graduated through the youth system at the club before making nearly 150 first team appearances.

As well as his hometown club, Hackett's playing career took him to Hearts in Scotland, Millwall and Northampton Town before hanging up his boots in 2016.

Since then he has been coaching United's Under-15 side and he will

now step up to join Blackmore-Such in coaching United's Under-18s.

When the club announced the appointment last month, Hackett, who scored nine goals in 142 appearances in Yellow between 1999 and 2006, said he "couldn't be happier".

"I have enjoyed working with the Under-15s and it was hard to tell them that I was stepping up to the youth team, but it is such an exciting opportunity," the 34-year-old said.

"I have seen the scholars this year and they are a great group so if I can pass on some of my experience and ideas and help them become even better players then that would be fantastic."

Hackett replaced fellow former U's player Whing, who joined Kidderminster Harriers as Under-23 boss in September.



Chris Hackett will help coach the Under 18s

## Young midfielder given contract extension



Shandon Baptiste will stay at United until the end of next season

YOUNGSTER Shandon Baptiste has agreed a new contract with Oxford United that will keep him at the club at least until the end of next season, ahead of joining Hampton & Richmond Borough on loan.

The 19-year-old, who made his U's debut at Stevenage in August, initially signed a six-month contract last summer but that has now been extended to the summer of 2019, with a club option to extend for a further year.

Having completed the paperwork just before Christmas, Baptiste who has made two United appearances,

is now on a one-month youth loan at title-chasing National League South side Hampton & Richmond Borough.

The hot prospect has started all three matches so far, including a draw at Oxford City on December 23.

Fellow youngster Malachi Napa, who also extended his contract to 2019 in November, spent time at Hampton earlier in the season.

Baptiste, a former Reading youth player who moved to the UK when he was three, made his international debut for Grenada in a 5-0 hammering by Panama in October last year.



The young U's will not progress to the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup after a 3-0 loss to the Daggers on December 21

## Daggers cut through United defence

### FA Youth Cup

OXFORD United lacked a cutting edge as they bowed out of the FA Youth Cup 3-0 to Dagenham and Redbridge at Court Place Farm.

Sharp finishing from the Daggers put them in front on the half hour mark when Luke Hirst flashed the ball across keeper Max Evans to open the scoring.

United had come from behind in the previous two rounds and the young U's had their fair share of goalscoring opportunities in the opening 45 minutes, but the tie was all but over three minutes into the second half.

A slice of luck saw Dylan Florence's

deflected 20-yard effort loop over a stranded Evans to put the visitors 2-0 up.

The affair had a true cup tie feeling about it with plenty of yellow cards and flying challenges culminating in a red card for Aaron McCreadie for pulling down Florence in the box.

The youngster duly stepped up and added another from the spot with 16 minutes to go.

The result means United miss out on a tie away to Ipswich Town in the next round.

The U's will play Cheltenham Town when the EFL Youth Alliance Under 18 South West returns to action on Saturday.

## Puritans boss signs up to end of 2018/19

BANBURY United manager Mike Ford has signed a new contract keeping him at the club until the end of next season.

Chairman Phil Lines said the board are "delighted" Ford has agreed to the year's extension.

He said: "He has done an excellent job over the course of the last two and a half years...we have a lot to look forward to and I am convinced that

we are in very good hands."

Ford was equally pleased to extend his stay: "The club is already in a good position but wants to move forward and I am delighted that the board want me to be a part of that process.

"I had no hesitation in signing the contract extension and I am looking forward to continuing the work that we have started here at Banbury United."

SkyBet League 1		GP	GD	PTS
1	Wigan Athletic	25	38	56
2	Shrewsbury Town	25	18	54
3	Blackburn Rovers	25	22	49
4	Scunthorpe United	26	15	49
5	Bradford City	26	8	48
6	Portsmouth	26	3	41
7	Rotherham United	26	9	40
8	Peterborough United	26	6	39
9	Charlton Athletic	25	0	37
10	Oxford United	26	2	35
11	Doncaster Rovers	26	1	34
12	Fleetwood Town	26	-4	33
13	Blackpool	26	-3	32
14	Bristol Rovers	26	-7	32
15	Gillingham	26	-2	31
16	Plymouth Argyle	26	-8	31
17	Southend United	26	-12	31
18	Walsall	25	-3	30
19	MK Dons	26	-10	29
20	Oldham Athletic	26	-9	28
21	AFC Wimbledon	25	-9	27
22	Northampton Town	26	-26	23
23	Rochdale	25	-10	22
24	Bury	25	-19	17